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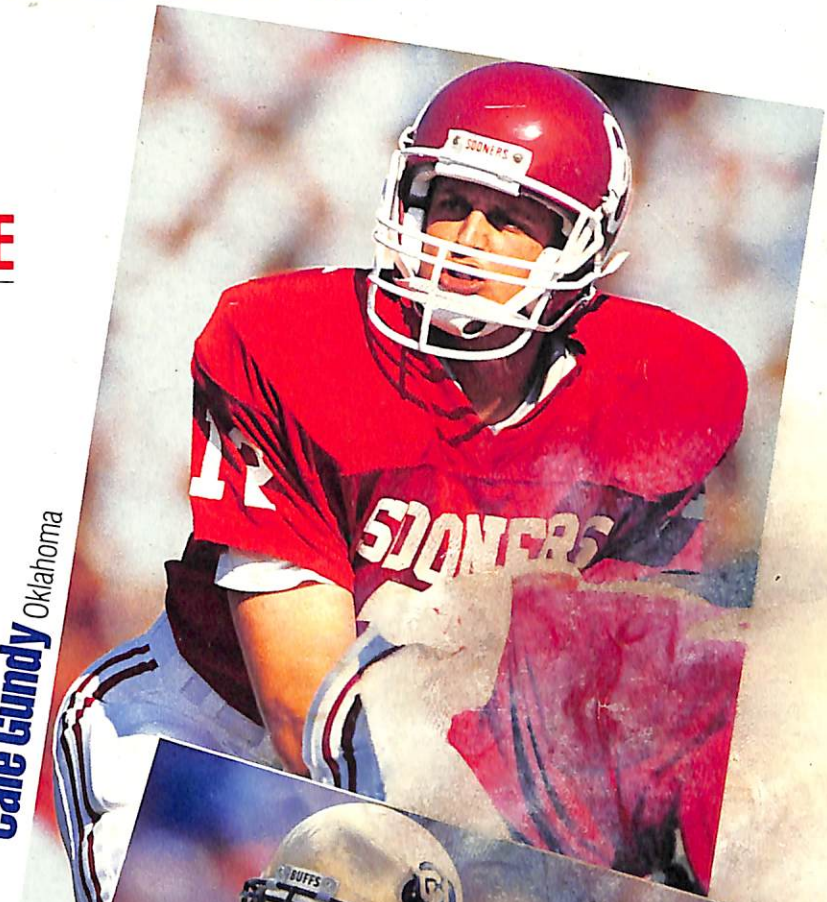

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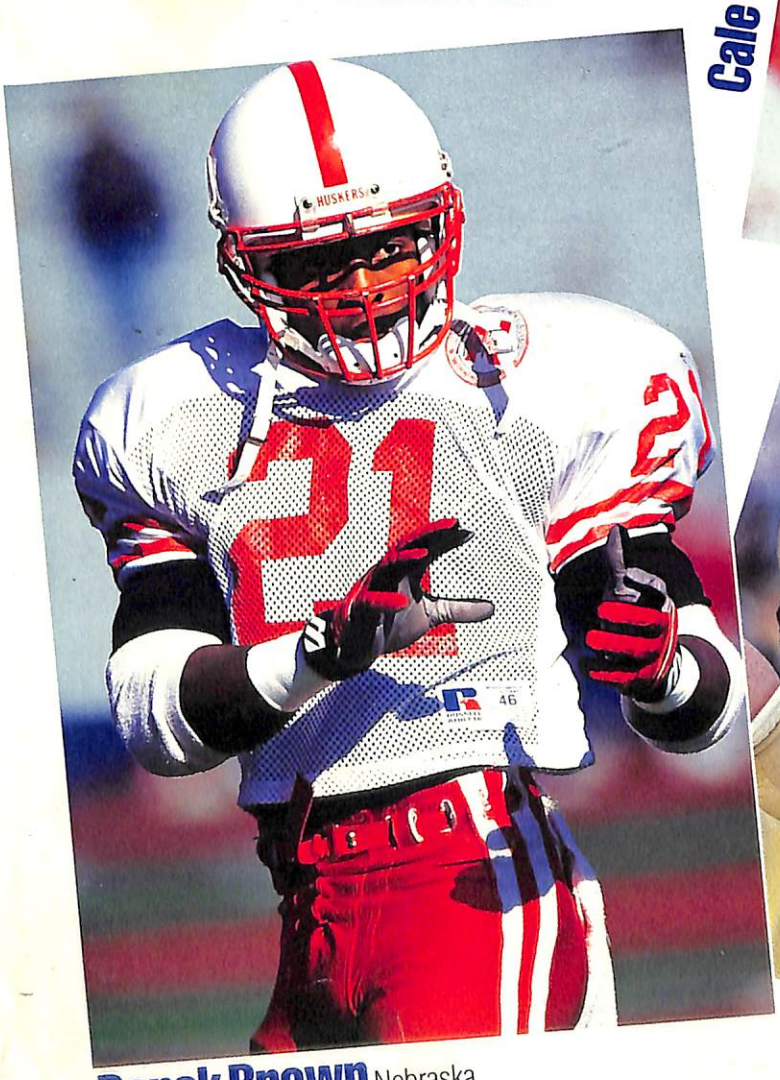

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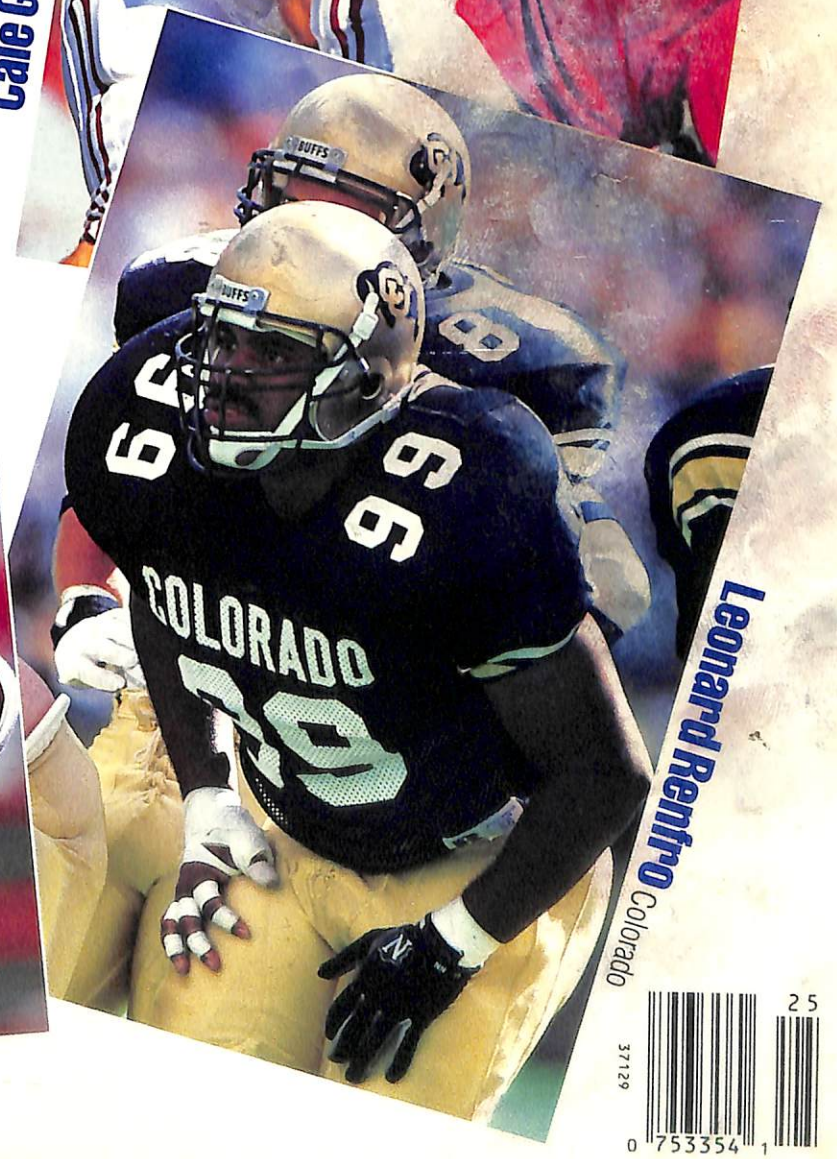

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Letter From the Editor

What's all the fuss about Penn State accepting an invitation to the Blockbuster Bowl? Some observers of the game recoiled when the Nittany Lions were extended a bid in May to college football's newest bowl. But in recent years representatives in sports jackets too tacky for Lindsey Nelson have been spotted at games in September, scouting prospective teams for their post-season affairs and winking at that late-November date when bids were to be made official.

As an Eastern Independent and member-in-waiting (1993) of the Big Ten Conference, Penn State was left out of the new football coalition, a tangled web of bowls (Cotton, Fiesta, Orange, and Sugar) and conferences (Atlantic Coast and Big East)—plus Notre Dame—which hoped to ensnare a national title matchup. With the Big Ten and the Pac-10 still committed to sending their league champions to the Rose Bowl, and the Big Eight, the Southeast, and the Southwest Conferences the hosts for, respectively, the Orange, Sugar, and Cotton Bowls, it left few openings on the New Year's Day schedule for Penn State and the Blockbuster Bowl looking at also-rans and leftovers as participants in its game. Thus the deal, contingent only upon the NCAA regulation that Penn State defeat at least six I-A opponents during the season.

In writing about the arrangement in *Sports Illustrated*, Rick Reilly facetiously asked why the bowl committees didn't just extend their invitations based on the previews in Street & Smith's.

We'd like to help, and agree that that would be a lot simpler than the football coalition's selection process, which will take us at least until Thanksgiving to decipher and require more space to describe here than we can afford.

But there hasn't been much suspense lately in college football. The University of Miami changed coaches twice in the eighties, from Howard Schnellenberger to Jimmy Johnson to Dennis Erickson, and has won four national championships in nine years. Florida State has been almost as impressive under its veteran coach, Bobby Bowden, winning 53 of 61 games—with five of its losses to Miami. Lou Holtz replaced Gerry Faust at Notre Dame in 1986 and the Irish have won 43 of their last 50 games and one national championship. Washington and Michigan should meet again in the Rose Bowl, which the Pac-10 has won 19 times in the last 23 years.

The following are other potential bowl matchups:

Cotton: Miami/Texas A&M
Sugar: Florida/Syracuse
Fiesta: Notre Dame/Alabama
Orange: Nebraska/Florida State
Blockbuster: Penn State/Clemson

If Penn State goes undefeated through a schedule that includes games with Miami and Notre Dame, it probably will be playing for the national championship in the Blockbuster Bowl.

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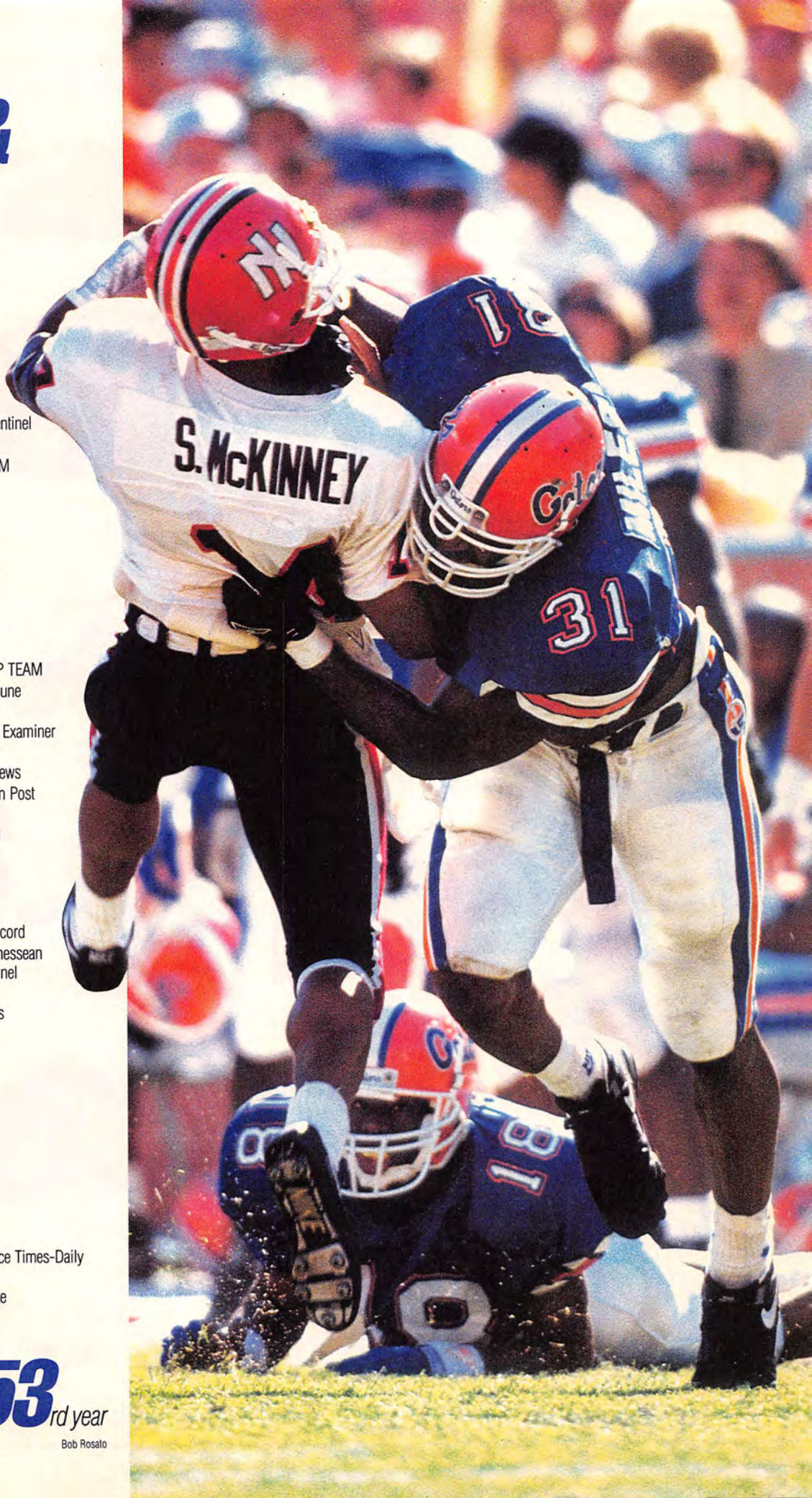

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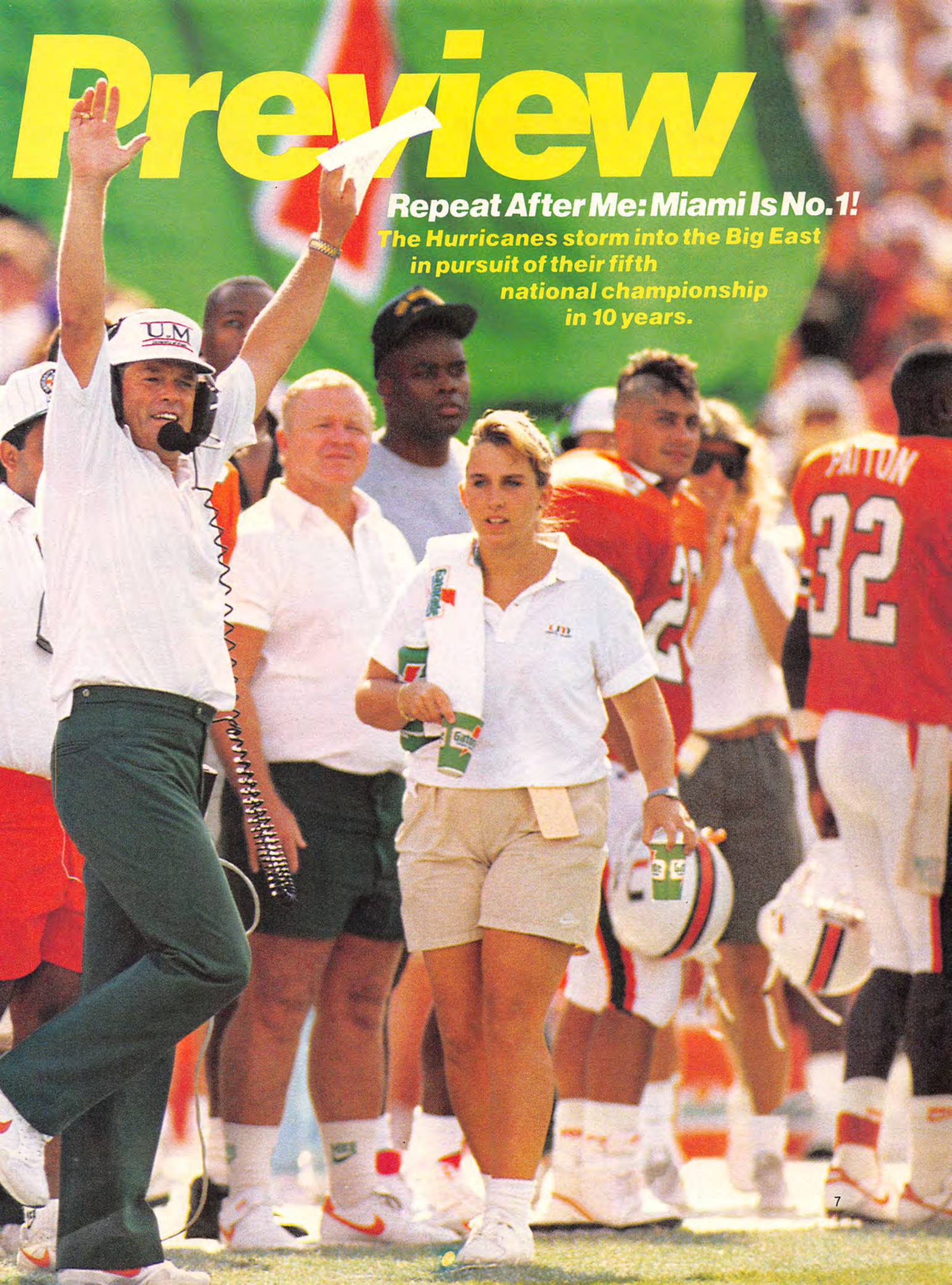
Preview

Repeat After Me: Miami Is No. 1!

The Hurricanes storm into the Big East in pursuit of their fifth national championship in 10 years.



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National Preview

by RANDY MELL *FORT LAUDERDALE SUN-SENTINEL*

In the minds of Florida football followers, the race for No. 1 never really left the state last year and may not again this year. The Sunshine State flexed its college football muscles like never before in 1991. Florida State opened the season as No. 1 and rode the top ranking all the way into the middle of November. That's when the Seminoles' championship hopes went wide right in a 17-16 loss to Miami. That monumental clash of Nos. 1-2 was decided when Gerry Thomas's 34-yard field goal attempt was wide to the right by a foot with 29 seconds remaining. The 'Canes swarmed the field and ripped giant chunks of turf from Doak Campbell Stadium.

"We tore up their turf as a sign of ownership," Miami receiver Kevin Williams said. "We owned their turf."

A disappointed FSU coach Bobby Bowden couldn't believe it.

"When I die," he said. "They'll chisel on my tombstone, *but he played Miami*."

Miami never let go of No. 1, finishing with a 12-0 record and a share of the national title with Washington. The 'Canes were a junior-dominated class who return most of their stars this year. "We could be even better than this team next year," Miami running back Larry Jones said after the 22-8 Orange Bowl victory against Nebraska in which he earned Most Valuable Player honors. "We have a chance to repeat, to go 12-0."

It was FSU's ninth loss to Miami in 12 seasons. In Tallahassee, they know the old dog-sledder's adage, "If you ain't the lead dog, the view never changes." The 'Noles have enjoyed remarkable success by finishing in the top four for five straight seasons, and yet they have finished behind Miami in each of those years. The 'Canes have been top three six straight seasons and have won four national titles in nine years.

The national title figures to be partly settled in another state clash this year. Miami, ranked No. 1 in Street & Smith's preseason poll, hosts Florida State on October 3. The 'Noles then face Florida at home in the season finale on November 28.

It was a glorious year for Florida football. All three schools were ranked among the top five at one time last fall. Former Michigan coach Bo Schembechler was so impressed with the state's football that he once predicted Miami, FSU, and Florida would one day be Nos. 1-2-3 in the final rankings. Miami coach Dennis Erickson, who has won two titles in three seasons, doesn't think so. Yes, he believes Florida football is the best in the land, but he thinks the state rivals beat up too much on each

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Top 25

1. MIAMI
2. TEXAS A&M
3. PENN STATE
4. NOTRE DAME
5. WASHINGTON
6. FLORIDA STATE
7. MICHIGAN
8. FLORIDA
9. ALABAMA
10. SYRACUSE
11. NEBRASKA
12. CLEMSON
13. UCLA
14. IOWA
15. GEORGIA
16. COLORADO
17. STANFORD
18. TEXAS
19. OKLAHOMA
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other to finish 1-2-3, especially since the intrastate games are played late in the year.

Florida football sports a new look with Miami and FSU shedding their independence. FSU begins play in the Atlantic Coast Conference this year. Miami hopes to have a full round-robin schedule in the Big East in 1993.

Miami's rallying cry this season could be "Repeat After Me: We're No. 1." The Hurricanes return 14 starters from their undefeated title team, including four Street & Smith's first-team All-Americas and six honorable mention selections. It's the kind of talent reminiscent of their '87 national championship team, which featured 12 players drafted by the National Football League.

Gino Torretta, the latest in a successful line of Miami quarterbacks (Jim Kelly, Bernie Kosar, Vinny Testaverde, Steve Walsh, Craig Erickson), runs the offense. And the offense does run, with lightning-fast receivers Kevin Williams, Lamar Thomas, and Horace Copeland, and backs Stephen McGuire and Jones. But the Hurricanes may be even more impressive on defense. Last year's unit was the nation's stingiest. End Rusty Medearis had four sacks in the Orange Bowl victory, raising his career total to 24 after just two years. Darrin Smith led Miami in tackles. Of him and teammate Jesse Armstead, one NFL scout said, "They're a couple of linebackers who can really move. They're smaller kinds of players because Miami puts so much emphasis on speed [but] they're big-time players." So is cornerback Ryan McNeil, who led the Hurricanes in interceptions.

Elsewhere in the Big East, Syracuse has its own conference and national title aspirations after winning 10 of 12 games a year ago, including a fifth consecutive bowl victory (over Ohio State). The backfield returns intact and the offense features wide receiver Qadry Ismail, the school's first two-sport All-America since Jim Brown. The Big East race should be decided on November 21 when Syracuse hosts Miami.

Penn State, in its final season as an Eastern independent, roars into the Big Ten in '93. It finished No. 3 in the final polls after defeating Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl. O.J. McDuffie, who has been compared to Paul Warfield and Rocket Ismail by coach Joe Paterno, got a head start in the race for the Heisman Trophy when he ran over, around, and through the Volunteers in that game and earned MVP honors. And the Nittany Lions drew the pole position in the national championship derby after they received an invitation in May to the Blockbuster Bowl next New Year's Day. They have a score to settle with Miami, which handed them one of their two losses last fall. The rematch takes place in State College on October 10.

Michigan lost only to Florida State during the season and to Washington in the Rose Bowl. The Wolverines will defend their Big Ten title without Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard, who passed up his senior year and joined the Washington Redskins. Still, quarterback Elvis Grbac, with a school-record 54 touchdown passes, remains, as do his collaborators Derrick Alexander, Ricky Powers, and Tyrone Wheatley. Michigan beat Notre Dame last year for the first time in the past five tries. Their return engagement in South Bend on September 12 is one of the highlights of the early-season schedule.

Iowa and Ohio State pose the most serious threat to the Wolverines' bid for a second straight Big Ten title. Last fall, Iowa's only defeat was to Michigan, and the two meet again in the conference opener on October 3. But by then, the Hawkeyes will already have faced North Carolina State in the Kickoff Classic, Miami and Iowa State at home, and Colorado away. Ohio State lost defensive end Alonzo Spellman to the Chicago Bears, but it retained All-America linebacker Steve Tovar and regained running back Robert Smith.

Notre Dame is armed for another title run now that Rick Mirer has decided to remain in school for his senior year. After just two seasons as the starter, he has equaled the passing totals of another Irish quarterback: Joe Montana. Mirer's running mate, fullback Jerome Bettis, capped a sensational second-half performance against Florida in the Sugar Bowl with touchdown dashes of 49 and 39 yards within the span of three minutes that broke open the game. Linebacker Demetrius

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DuBose is one of the premier players in the country at his position. Said one AFC scout, "Mirer might get more national exposure, so he probably is the more likely Heisman candidate. But DuBose is just as good, if not better." Lou Holtz's defense, however, must cut down on the 21.8 points per game it surrendered in '91 if the Irish are to challenge for another national championship. In addition to the early date with Michigan, Notre Dame hosts Penn State on November 14.

Out West, defending national co-champion Washington lost defensive tackle Steve Emtman a year prematurely to the Indianapolis Colts as the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft. But the Huskies, who had their first unbeaten season in 75 years, return quarterbacks Billy Joe Hobert and Mark Brunell, each of whom has guided the team to a Rose Bowl victory, and enough talent for another Pac-10 title. The Huskies' chief conference rival, UCLA, will have to get by without quarterback Tommy Maddox, who left school for the NFL (Denver Broncos) after his sophomore year.

Florida State finished fourth in the final polls after defeating Texas A&M, 10-2, in the Cotton Bowl. This year, the Seminoles, minus many of their marquee names, are the team to beat in the Atlantic Coast Conference. With games against Miami, Florida, and Clemson, it won't be an easy road toward state, national, and league honors. Clemson, with the third-best winning percentage (after Miami and FSU) in college football over the past five years, hosts Florida State on September 12.

The Southeastern Conference offers a different look this season, with first-year members South Carolina and Arkansas joining the newly formed East and West Divisions. The champions of each meet on December 5 in the league's first playoff to determine the Sugar Bowl representative. That game could match Florida (No. 1 in the SEC in scoring) against Alabama (tops in scoring defense). The conference features some of the country's most exciting players. Florida quarterback Shane Matthews, a two-time SEC Player of the Year, has thrown for 6,082 yards and 51 touchdowns in just two seasons. Errict Rhett became the fourth Gator running back to rush for 1,000 yards. Alabama has David Palmer, who compiled over 1,100 all-purpose yards, and quarterback Jay Barker, who stepped in as a freshman late last year and went undefeated. Georgia boasts soph quarterback Eric Zeier, tailback Garrison Hearst, and receiver Andre Hastings. And sophomore Thomas Bailey of Auburn became the first player in league history to gain over 1,000 yards in a season on kick returns.

Texas A&M, which went undefeated in the Southwest Conference last fall, is searching for a quarterback to hand the ball to Greg Hill, who ran for a SWC frosh-record 1,216 yards, and pass it to Tony Harrison. The defense lost Quentin Coryatt to the NFL but returns free safety Patrick Bates, "the most talented player on their team even last year," in the words of one pro scout, linebacker Marcus Buckley, and sensational sophomore end Sam Adams.

New coach John Mackovic has come to pass at Texas, which hopes to celebrates its football centennial with a return to the Top 25. Likewise, Rice, with Heisman hopeful Trevor Cobb at running back, is optimistic about its best team in almost 30 years.

The Big Eight race has three entrants: Nebraska, with the conference's premier running backs (Derek Brown and Calvin Jones) but uncertain quarterbacking; Colorado, with the top defenders and a new offense; and Oklahoma, with the best passer (Cale Gundy) but a lack of depth.

In the Rockies, Marshall Faulk has made the pass passé. The San Diego State sophomore gained 1,429 yards and had 21 touchdowns—all on the ground. He set 14 NCAA records, averaged 7.1 yards per carry, and led the country in scoring and rushing. The Aztecs open the season with Southern Cal, Brigham Young, and UCLA in succession and close it on November 28 at home with Miami, against whose defense Faulk ran for 154 yards last year. If he can match those numbers this fall, Faulk could end up tucking the Heisman Trophy under his arm. □

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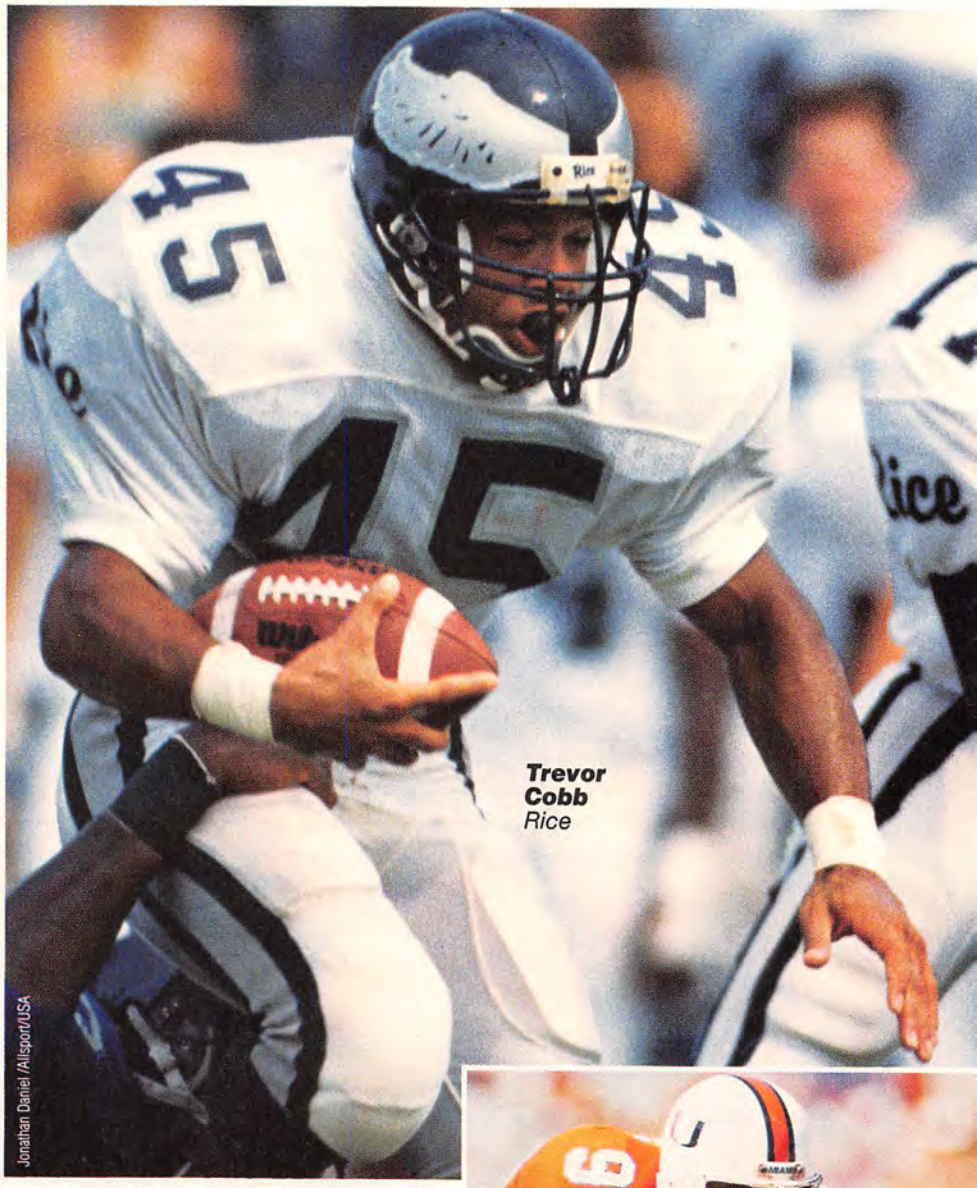
Street & Smith's All-America Team

by JIM CARLEY

At Rice University, academic bastion of the Southwest, football is not always the hottest topic. The Owls have been down in football so long, it seems the only extended football discussion around the school lately is about either dropping the sport altogether or, at the very least, de-emphasizing it. Even the state's former lieutenant governor Bill Hobby, who's on the Rice board of trustees, has joined a chorus of faculty members who believe the school should quit trying to compete with the big boys. The feeling is that Rice just isn't big enough.



Trevor Cobb
Rice

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Elvis Grbac
Michigan

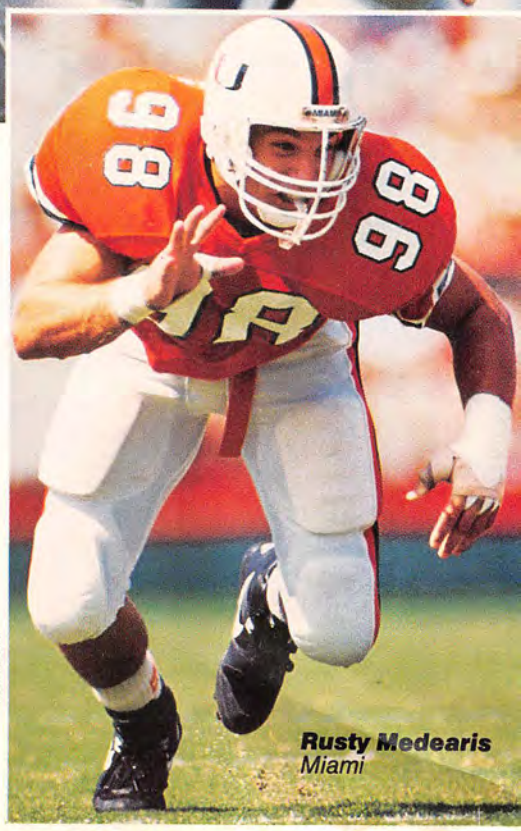
Pete J. Groh

And then there's Trevor Cobb, one of the little guys on Rice's football team. Cobb, though, is not your average little guy. For the last three years, the 5-foot-9, 190-pound Cobb has been going about proving that you don't have to be big to be good. This year, he's a returning consensus All-America and, as thus, heads the 1992 Street & Smith's College Football All-America team.

Cobb is the first All-America at Rice since quarterback Tommy Kramer in 1976 and the first All-America running back at the school since Dicky Maegle in 1954. He is a Heisman Trophy candidate after rushing for 1,692 yards and 14 touchdowns and winning the Doak Walker Award as the nation's best running back last season. And he's one major reason coach Fred Goldsmith calls this year's team "the best club I've had in four years," as the Owls set their sights on their first winning record in 29 years. Last season, Cobb helped them to a 4-7 mark as he averaged 153.8 yards per game, third in the country.

"What Trevor accomplished on a 4-7 team was truly remarkable," Goldsmith said. "There's no telling what his numbers might have been if we had been a veteran team. . . I'm overjoyed with the recognition he's received, but I know it's only the start of where he'll lead our team this year."

If that's true, Cobb will undoubtedly add even more impressive accomplishments to his already considerable list. A repeat of last year's stats would be enough to make him the all-time leading rusher in the Southwest Conference, since he needs only 1,450 yards to reach that goal. Already, his career total of 3,562 is the most ever in the first three years in SWC history. Cobb also needs 97 rushing attempts and 872 all-purpose yards to set SWC records in those categories. Last season, his



Rusty Medearis
Miami

Hector Sierra

1,692 yards set a school record as he rushed for 100 or more yards nine times and 200 or more three times, including a season-high 240 against Iowa State. The two-time consensus all-SWC choice set or extended 16 Rice records last season, including most career touchdowns (28), rushing attempts (812), and 200-yard games (four).

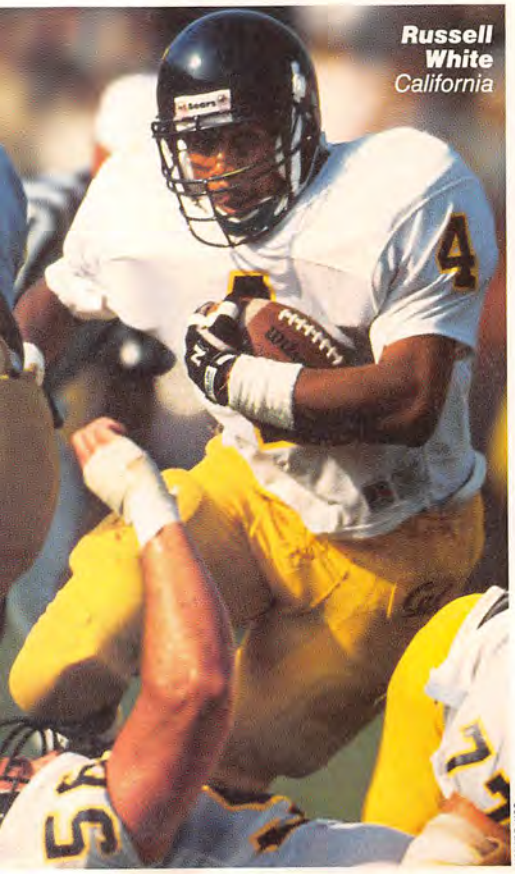
"He's the best back I've ever worked with and he's a quality person, too," said Goldsmith, whose assistant-coaching background includes stints at Florida, Air Force, and Arkansas. "If he has good numbers this season—1,000-plus yards again, catches the ball like he did as a sophomore, and we have our winning season—I think he'll have a good opportunity to win the Heisman Trophy."

Cobb is one of only three returning consensus All-Americas in the nation this year; one of the others is also a running back, Russell White of California. White, a 6-0, 210-pounder who excites the pro scouts, rushed for 1,177 yards. He also had 139 yards receiving and 408 yards on kickoff returns to finish ninth in the nation in all-purpose yards.

The first-team place-kicker is White's Cal teammate Doug Brien, who is the leading returning kick scorer. As a sophomore last year, he hit 19 of 28 field goals and 41 of 43 extra points to tie White for seventh in the nation in scoring, with 98 points. Brien's 19 field goals led the NCAA.

The third consensus All-America returning is Florida State linebacker Marvin Jones. Last season, Jones was the first sophomore ever to be a finalist for the Lombardi Award and was one of 10 semifinalists for the Butkus Award. The 6-2, 220-pounder led the Seminoles in tackles, with 125—including 75 solo. Jones had 13 tackles for loss last year, upping his career total to 21. That placed him sixth on the school's career list.

Jones is joined on the preseason All-America list by teammates Carl Simpson, a 6-2, 275-pound defensive end, and Robert Stevenson, a 6-3, 275-pound offensive tackle. Simpson's 11 sacks were one off the school mark set in 1977 and included a three-sack day against Miami's Gino Torretta in the Seminoles' 17–16 loss. Stevenson is a three-year starter who is versatile enough to play several positions. In one game last season he started at center, though he played tackle the rest of the year.


Russell White *California*

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Marvin Jones *Florida State*

The closest competition for a spot on our first team was at quarterback, where Torretta, one of a team-leading four Miami players on the preseason list, narrowly beat out Florida's Shane Matthews and Notre Dame's Rick Mirer. One of the factors in Torretta's favor was his winning record (15-1) as a starter for the Hurricanes. At the school with the dazzling quarterback legacy, Torretta has several passing records, including one that won't ever be broken—a 99-yard touchdown pass in last year's opener against Arkansas. He also set the school's one-game passing mark with 485 yards against San Diego State, eclipsing his previous UM record of 468 against San Jose State in 1989. With 4,630 yards, Torretta is already sixth on the career passing list at the school that produced Jim Kelly, Bernie Kosar, and Vinny Testaverde, among others. He threw for 3,095 yards and 20 TDs last year and was fifth in the nation in total offense with an average of 286.8 yards per game.

"Gino is smart," Miami coach Dennis Erickson said. "He makes few mistakes and he probably operates the offense better than anyone I've ever had." That noted quarterback-maker Bill Walsh, now head coach at Stanford, is also impressed by Torretta. "I'd have to say he's an NFL quarterback," Walsh stated. "He's really got everything you need. He's got a fine arm and he's strong with a big, solid base."

For the preseason honor, Torretta nudged Matthews, who was the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year in '91 when he led the Gators to the league title and a 10-1 record. Matthews set SEC season records for TD passes (28), TD responsibility (30), and total offense (3,140 yards) and another record with five TD passes in one game. He was sixth in the nation in total offense and ninth in passing efficiency, with a 149.2 rating.

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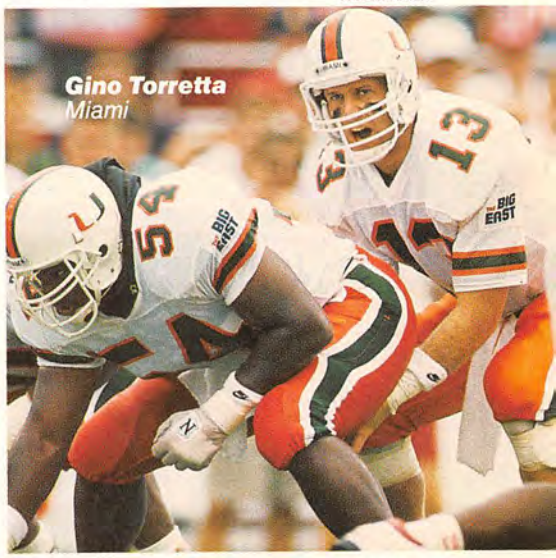
Gino Torretta *Miami*

Mirer is another who will likely be receiving plenty of All-America attention this season. One NFL general manager who wished to remain anonymous said he thought Mirer is ready to play in his league now. Mirer set a school record for touchdown passes with 18 last year; after only two seasons as a starter, his career passing total (4,121 yards) exactly matches that of another noted Irish quarterback, Joe Montana. Mirer, incidentally, wears the same uniform number (3) as Montana did at Notre Dame.

Though Mirer didn't make it, the Irish tied FSU for the second-most players on Street & Smith's All-America list with three selections apiece on the first team. The Notre Dame players are linebacker Demetrius DuBose, middle guard Bryant Young, and offensive tackle Justin Hall.

DuBose was a Butkus Award semifinalist and a first-team All-America selection by *Football News* last season. He had 127 tackles, including a high of 19 against Air Force, and returned an interception 49 yards for a touchdown against Indiana.

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All-America Team

Young was on his way to a standout year before cracking a bone in his ankle, causing him to miss two games. He returned for the final game against Hawaii and ended up leading the Irish in sacks (four) and was fourth on the team in total tackles (50). Nine of those tackles were for losses of 27 yards total.

Hall helped the Irish rank sixth in rushing, 10th in scoring, and 11th in total offense last year despite the fact that he was plagued by injuries. Hall had back surgery in the spring of 1990, then came back to start before missing a game with a broken toe. The 6-4, 297-pounder also sprained an ankle and missed two games due to an intestinal disorder.

The rest of the offensive line is made up of two Big Ten players and a Big Eight guard. From the Big Ten come Iowa's Mike Devlin and Ohio State's Alan Kline, who both were all-conference selections last season. Kline is just a junior. Nebraska's Will Shields is also a junior but has already made all-conference twice. Shields led a Husker line that propelled the NCAA rushing champion for the seventh time in the last 12 years en route to the Big Eight co-championship and the Orange Bowl.

The tight end on the team is Wake Forest's John Henry Mills, a two-time all-Atlantic Coast player who topped the league in receptions last season with 51 for 559 yards.

At one wide receiver is Houston's Fred Gilbert, a transfer who led the nation with 106 catches in his first season with the Cougars. He's only the seventh player in NCAA history to catch more than 100 passes in a season.

The other wide receiver is Penn State's O.J. McDuffie, whose name belies his position. McDuffie's grandmother named him after former Heisman Trophy running back O.J. Simpson of Southern Cal. Despite the position difference, McDuffie might be no less sensational on the field. Coach Joe Paterno says McDuffie "could be a dominant player in college football next season." He's the Nittany Lions' all-time leader in punt-return TDs (three) and his receptions (46) and yards receiving (790) would have been Penn State records if not for teammate Terry Smith gaining 55 for 846 last season. McDuffie was the offensive MVP in the Fiesta Bowl with 149 all-purpose yards and a touchdown.

On defense, the linemen are led by McDuffie's teammate Tyoka Jackson. Only a sophomore last season, he still led the Nittany Lions in sacks, with 9½, while starting at two different positions—tackle and nose tackle. Jackson's first name means "one who gives joy," which opposing quarterbacks would dispute.

Miami's three other preseason picks are on defense: senior linebacker Darrin Smith, junior end Rusty Medearis, and senior cornerback Ryan McNeil. Smith led Miami with 126 tackles last year after recording 105 as a sophomore. Medearis led the Canes' linemen with 55 tackles, including 10 for losses. He had four sacks in Miami's victory over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, giving him 24 for his career. McNeil led the Canes with five interceptions and 17 passes broken up in '91 as Miami finished fourth in the country in pass-efficiency defense, allowing just 88.1 yards per game.

UCLA senior Carlton Gray was second in the nation in interceptions (10) a year ago, behind only Florida State's Terrell Buckley, who gave up his senior season for the NFL draft. Texas Tech's Tracy Saul is poised to set the SWC all-time record for interceptions. He tied for fourth in the nation last season, with eight. That brought his career total to 20, equaling the league record. The two-time consensus all-SWC pick also has a 10-yard punt-return average. The other first-team defensive back is Florida's Will White, who was an all-SEC selection last year when he intercepted four passes, returning one for 44 yards and a touchdown.

Arkansas's unlikely Pete Raether is the leading returning punter in the nation after a 43.63-yard average last year. Raether went to Arkansas on a baseball scholarship as a pitcher, but he tore his rotator cuff his freshman year and had shoulder surgery afterwards. He had been a punter in high school,

FIRST TEAM

Offense

QB . . Gino Torretta . . Sr . . Miami
RB . . Trevor Cobb . . Sr . . Rice
RB . . Russell White . . Sr . . California
WR . . Fred Gilbert . . Sr . . Houston
WR . . O.J. McDuffie . . Sr . . Penn State
TE . . John Henry Mills . . Sr . . Wake Forest
OL . . Alan Kline . . Jr . . Ohio State
OL . . Robert Stevenson . . Sr . . Florida St.
OL . . Justin Hall . . Sr . . Notre Dame
OL . . Mike Devlin . . Sr . . Iowa
OL . . Will Shields . . Jr . . Nebraska
PK . . Doug Brien . . Jr . . California

Defense

DL . . Tyoka Jackson . . Jr . . Penn State
DL . . Bryant Young . . Jr . . Notre Dame
DL . . Carl Simpson . . Jr . . Florida St.
DL . . Rusty Medearis . . Jr . . Miami
LB . . Marvin Jones . . Jr . . Florida St.
LB . . Darrin Smith . . Sr . . Miami
LB . . Demetrius DuBose . . Sr . . Notre Dame
DB . . Carlton Gray . . Sr . . UCLA
DB . . Ryan McNeil . . Sr . . Miami
DB . . Will White . . Sr . . Florida
DB . . Tracy Saul . . Sr . . Texas Tech
P . . Pete Raether . . Jr . . Arkansas

SECOND TEAM

Offense

QB . . Shane Matthews . . Sr . . Florida
RB . . Tico Duckett . . Sr . . Michigan State
RB . . Jerome Bettis . . Jr . . Notre Dame
WR . . Qadry Ismail . . Sr . . Syracuse
WR . . Sean LaChapelle . . Sr . . UCLA
TE . . Clarence Williams . . Sr . . Washington St.
OL . . Lincoln Kennedy . . Sr . . Washington
OL . . Tony Boselli . . Soph . . Southern Cal
OL . . Mark Govi . . Sr . . Tulsa
OL . . Kevin Mawae . . Jr . . LSU
OL . . Tom Scott . . Sr . . East Carolina
PK . . Dan Eichloff . . Jr . . Kansas

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LB . . Steve Tovar . . Sr . . Ohio State
LB . . Curt McMillan . . Sr . . Miami (OH)
DB . . Lance Gunn . . Sr . . Texas
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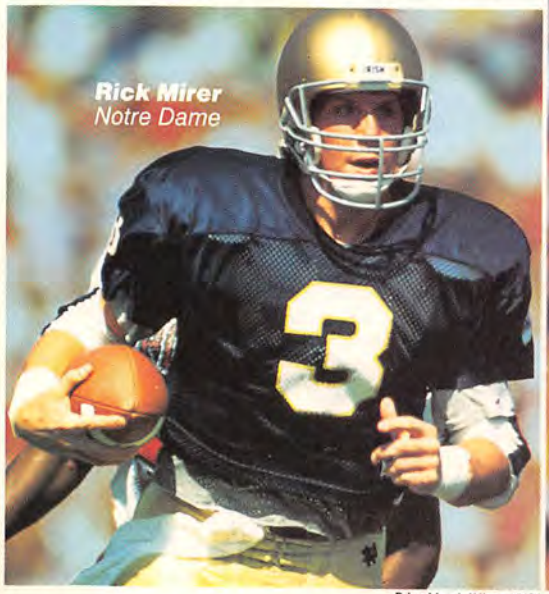
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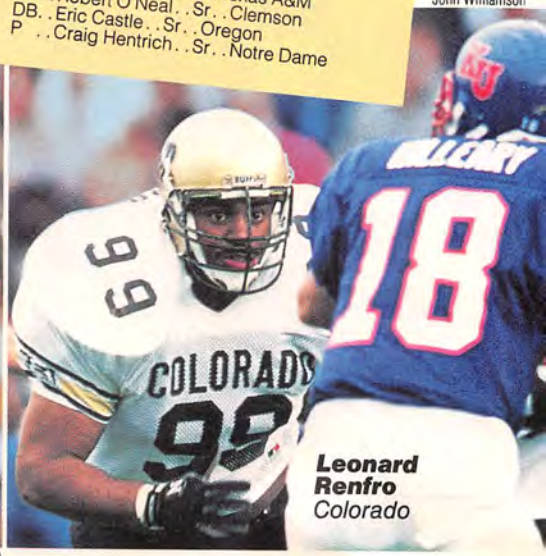
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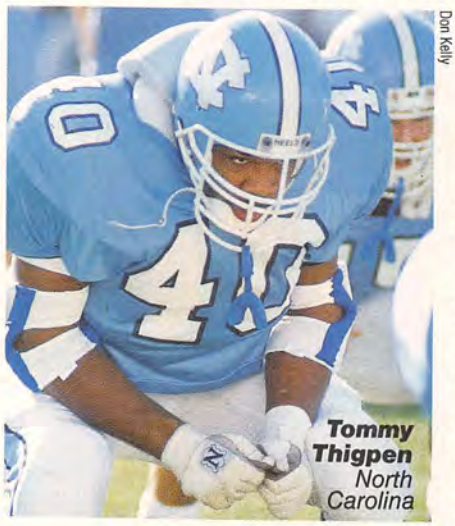
All-America Team

so he tried out for the Razorbacks. He finished the last several games of 1990 with a 40.4-yard average. After he still couldn't return to baseball, Raether came back to the football team and last season had the eighth-best average in school history. At Arkansas, that's saying a lot since the Hogs have been noted for great punters. Raether's junior stats trail the season bests of Greg Horne (three times), Steve Little (twice), and Steve Cox (twice)—all three of those players were All-Americas.

On our second team are a number of great names as well as outstanding players, such as Washington tackle Lincoln Kennedy, Texas safety Lance Gunn, Michigan State running back Tico Duckett, and Syracuse wide receiver Qadry Ismail—that's right, Rocket's brother. Ismail was 11th in the nation in kickoff returns last season, averaging 25 yards.


Don Kelly

Tommy Thigpen *North Carolina*

Duckett, who adopted the name Tico from a cartoon character he loved as a boy (his real name is Koran), was 13th in the nation with 1,204 yards last season after rushing for 1,376 yards as a sophomore. Gunn is a two-time all-SWC pick whose 10 career interceptions are eight away from UT's all-time mark, the school's oldest record. He's a 6-3, 215-pound safety who hits like a linebacker.

Notre Dame punter/place-kicker Craig Hentrich, our second-team punter, might be the best combination kicker in the country. He set back-to-back, Irish single-season records for punting with a 44.6 average in 1989 and a 44.9 average in 1990 before slipping to 42.9 last year. He has also hit 29 of 43 career field goals and 133 of 134 PATs.

Another Fighting Irish who got some All-America attention last season is fullback Jerome Bettis. He set school marks for touchdowns (20, counting four receiving TDs) and points (120). Southern Cal coach Larry Smith called Bettis, only a junior, the best college fullback he'd ever seen.

Still another player who received some All-America notice last year was Ohio State linebacker Steve Tovar. A two-time, all-Big Ten choice, he had 87 tackles in '91 after registering 125 as a sophomore.

The leading tackler on our list is Miami (of Ohio) linebacker Curt McMillan, who led the nation in that category last season with 204. That's an 18.6 per-game average for McMillan, who topped 20 tackles four times. He has 402 career tackles.

Tulsa offensive tackle Mark Govi played guard last season and was outstanding, although largely overlooked. The Hurricane coaches say he graded out higher over the season (90 percent in six games and 80 percent over all 12) than did TU's departed 1991 consensus All-America guard Jerry Ostroski.

UCLA wide receiver Sean LaChapelle ironically is on our second team behind a former teammate, Fred Gilbert, who transferred from UCLA to Houston last year. LaChapelle still finished sixth in the country, with 68 catches. He also was seventh nationally in receiving yards per game, with 89.7, two spots and two yards ahead of Gilbert.

East Carolina offensive tackle Tom Scott, at 6-7 and 338 pounds, is one of the country's largest linemen. The Pirates refer to him as "The Tominator." Against Memphis State, they ran behind his blocks nine straight times late in the game to preserve a 20–13 victory, averaging 4.7 yards per play in that stretch.

Oklahoma State defensive end Jason Gildon had a school-record 16 sacks to lead the Big Eight last season. While across the state, OU end Reggie Barnes led Sooner linemen with 75 tackles and nine sacks for their 12th-ranked defense (285.8 yards per game). □

Bob Rosato

Steve Tovar *Ohio State*

Honorable Mention

OFFENSE

Quarterback
Drew Bledsoe, Jr., Washington State
Glenn Foley, Jr., Boston College
Marvin Graves, Jr., Syracuse
Elvis Grbac, Sr., Michigan
Cale Gundy, Jr., Oklahoma
J.J. Joe, Jr., Baylor
Shawn Jones, Sr., Georgia Tech
Troy Kopp, Sr., Pacific
Rick Mirer, Sr., Notre Dame
Alex Van Pelt, Sr., Pittsburgh
Jason Verduzco, Sr., Illinois
Erik White, Sr., Bowling Green

Running back
Richie Anderson, Jr., Penn State
Ryan Benjamin, Sr., Pacific
Brandon Bennett, Soph., South Carolina
Derek Brown, Jr., Nebraska
Jason Davis, Sr., Louisiana Tech
Ralph Dawkins, Jr., Louisville
Marshall Faulk, Soph., San Diego State
Garrison Hearst, Jr., Georgia
Greg Hill, Soph., Texas A&M
Calvin Jones, Soph., Nebraska
Terry Kirby, Sr., Virginia
Chuck Levy, Soph., Arizona
Stephen McGuire, Sr., Miami
Natrone Means, Jr., North Carolina
Glyn Milburn, Sr., Stanford
Ricky Powers, Jr., Michigan
Errict Rhett, Jr., Florida
James Stewart, Soph., Tennessee
David Walker, Sr., Syracuse
Lamont Warren, Soph., Colorado
Kevin Williams, Sr., UCLA

Wide receiver
Curtis Conway, Jr., Southern Cal
Horace Copeland, Sr., Miami
Ron Dickerson, Jr., Arkansas
Eric Drage, Jr., Brigham Young
Andre Hastings, Jr., Georgia
Willie Jackson, Jr., Florida
David Palmer, Soph., Alabama
Greg Primus, Jr., Colorado State
Greg Reed, Sr., Southern Miss
Stephen Shipley, Sr., Texas Christian
Terry Smith, Jr., Clemson
Mark Szlachcic, Sr., Bowling Green
Lamar Thomas, Sr., Miami
Kevin Williams, Jr., Miami
Carl Winston, Jr., New Mexico

Tight end
Coleman Bell, Sr., Miami
Kirk Botkin, Jr., Arkansas
Joey Mickey, Sr., Oklahoma
Marcus Pope, Sr., Southern Miss
Irv Smith, Sr., Notre Dame

Line
Joe Cocozzo, Sr., Michigan
Ernest Dye, Sr., South Carolina
Steve Everitt, Sr., Michigan
Toby Heaton, Sr., Michigan State
Greg Huntington, Sr., Penn State
Jeff King, Jr., Memphis State
Everett Lindsay, Sr., Mississippi
Craig Novitsky, Jr., UCLA
Vaughn Parker, Jr., UCLA
Jeff Resler, Soph., Oklahoma
Ray Straschinske, Jr., Arkansas
Aaron Taylor, Jr., Notre Dame

Place-kicker
Craig Fayak, Jr., Penn State
Brian Lee, Sr., Mississippi
Pedro Suarez, Sr., LSU
Nelson Welch, Soph., Clemson
Todd Wright, Sr., Arkansas

DEFENSE

Line
Tunji Bolden, Sr., Texas Christian
Randy Brock, Soph., Brigham Young
Mike Chalenski, Sr., UCLA
John Copeland, Sr., Alabama
Eric Curry, Sr., Alabama
Jerry Dillon, Sr., East Carolina
Chris Hobbs, Sr., Memphis State
Leonard Renfro, Jr., Colorado
Matt Sign, Sr., Rice
John Stolberg, Sr., Boston College
Dana Stubblefield, Sr., Kansas
Mack Travis, Sr., California
David Webb, Sr., Southern Cal

Linebacker
Arnold Ale, Sr., UCLA
Jesse Armstead, Sr., Miami
Brooks Barta, Sr., Kansas State
Danton Bartow, Jr., Memphis State
Greg Biekert, Sr., Colorado
Marcus Buckley, Sr., Texas A&M
Anthony Curl, Sr., Texas
Travis Hill, Sr., Nebraska
Dana Howard, Soph., Illinois
Darwin Ireland, Jr., Arkansas
Mark Jarmolowich, Sr., Maryland
Anthony McClanahan, Jr., Washington State
Ryan McCoy, Jr., Houston
Tom McManus, Sr., Boston College
Barry Minter, Sr., Tulsa
Wayne Simmons, Sr., Clemson
Chris Slade, Sr., Virginia
Tommy Thigpen, Sr., North Carolina
Brett Wallerstedt, Sr., Arizona State
James Willis, Sr., Auburn
Barron Wortham, Jr., UTEP

Back
Ray Buchanan, Sr., Louisville
Jeff Burris, Jr., Notre Dame
Steve Carmer, Sr., Nebraska
Tom Carter, Jr., Notre Dame
John Davis, Sr., Florida State
Greg Grandison, Sr., East Carolina
Roger Harper, Jr., Ohio State
Carlton McDonald, Sr., Air Force
Jaime Mendez, Jr., Kansas State
Shane Pahukoa, Sr., Washington
Lee Rubin, Jr., Penn State
Fred Smith, Soph., Auburn
Tommie Smith, Sr., Washington
George Teague, Sr., Alabama
Darnell Walker, Sr., Oklahoma
Jimmy Young, Jr., Purdue

Punter
Jeff Buffaloe, Sr., Memphis State
Shane Edge, Soph., Florida State
Pat O'Neill, Jr., Syracuse
Mike Stigge, Sr., Nebraska

Please tell us about yourself...

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7-3

From time to time we at STREET & SMITH'S COLLEGE FOOTBALL have questions we'd like to ask our readers. Today we need help from many of you—even those who don't often answer questionnaires. We won't take much of your time, and who knows, you may *even win a compact disc player, a video cassette recorder or a stereo TV.* Just fill in this brief questionnaire and mail the form as soon as possible. Thank you!

1. Which of these other STREET & SMITH'S SPORTS MAGAZINES do you read? (Please check as many as apply.)
   Pro Football ❑ 8-1 Baseball ❑ -2 Pro Basketball ❑ -3 College Basketball ❑ -4
2. How long have you been reading STREET & SMITH'S College Football?
   New reader ❑ 9-1 2 Years ❑ -3 4 Years ❑ -5 6-9 Years ❑ -7
   1 Year ❑ -2 3 Years ❑ -4 5 Years ❑ -6 10 Years or More ❑ -8
3. How much of this book would you say you have read? All or Practically All ❑ 10-1 About 3/4 ❑ -3
   About 1/2 ❑ -2 1/4 or less ❑ -4
4. In an average week during the season about how often do you refer to the College Football Issue?
   _____ 11- 12- times.
5. Not including yourself, how many other friends or family members will read or look through your copy of STREET & SMITH'S College Football?
   Number of Males _____ 13- 14- Number of Females _____ 15- 16-
6. a) Did you buy either of the following sports books last year?

Don Heinrich's College Football	Yes ❑ 17-1	No ❑ -2
Sporting News College Football Yearbook	Yes ❑ 18-1	No ❑ -2

   b) Please indicate how often you read each of the following publications.

	Read Regularly	Read Occasionally	Hardly Ever Read	Never Read
Inside Sports	❑	❑	❑	❑ 19-
Sport	❑	❑	❑	❑ 20-
Sports Illustrated	❑	❑	❑	❑ 21-
The Sporting News	❑ -1	❑ -2	❑ -3	❑ 22- -4

7. In an average week what percentage of your television viewing time is spent watching college and professional sports events? Less than 25% ❑ 23-1 25%-49% ❑ -2 50%-74% ❑ -3 75%-100% ❑ -4
8. Do you ever take a radio or television with you when attending sports events? Yes ❑ 24-1 No ❑ -2

PASSENGER CARS

9. a) How many passenger cars, including station wagons, are currently owned by all the people in your household?
   Number of cars _____ ❑ 25- None ❑ -0

For each car currently owned, please indicate:	*1st Car*	*2nd Car*	*3rd Car*
b) Make (i.e., Oldsmobile, Mercury, BMW, Toyota)	_____ 26-	_____ 31-	_____ 36-
c) Model (i.e., Toronado, Cougar, 318, Celica)	_____ 27-	_____ 32-	_____ 37-
d) Year Model	_____ 28-	_____ 33-	_____ 38-
	_____ 29-	_____ 34-	_____ 39-
e) Was it bought new or used?:	New ❑ 30-1 Used ❑ -2	New ❑ 35-1 Used ❑ -2	New ❑ 40-1 Used ❑ -2

10. a) Do you or any member of your household plan to buy a car in the next 2 years? Yes ❑ 41-1 No ❑ -2
    b) If yes, will it be a: Domestic Car ❑ 42-1 Imported Car ❑ -2 Not Sure ❑ -3

CAR MAINTENANCE

11. a) Do you ever do your own car maintenance work? Yes ❑ 43-1 No ❑ -2
    b) If so, which of the following do you do? (Please check as many as apply.)
    Replace Tires ❑ 44-1 Change Oil ❑ -3 Change Oil Filter ❑ -5
    Change Air Filter ❑ -2 Tune-Ups ❑ -4 Replace Windshield Wipers ❑ -6

TRUCKS, MINI-VANS, VANS & SPORT/UTILITY (OFFROAD) VEHICLES

12. a) Do you or any member of your household currently own any pick-up trucks, mini-vans, vans or sports utility (offroad) vehicles used partly or entirely for personal or recreational uses? Yes ❑ 45-1 No ❑ -2
    b) If so, which of the following?
    Compact/Mid-Sized Pickup ❑ 46-1 Full Size Pick-up ❑ -3 Mini-van ❑ -4 Van ❑ -5
    Sport/Utility (offroad) ❑ -2

Please continue...

Please tell us a little more...

BEVERAGES

13. Please "X" those beverages that you personally drink or serve at home or away from home. If you have mixed drinks, such as whiskey sours, check the type of liquor they contain.

Domestic Whiskies ❑ 47-1 Scotch/Canadian/Irish Whisky ❑ -5 Vodka/Rum/Gin/Tequila ❑ -8
Brandy/Cognac ❑ -2 Cordials/Liqueurs ❑ -6 Wine/Champagne/Vermouth ❑ -9
Schnapps ❑ -3 Domestic Beer ❑ -7 Imported Beers ❑ -0
Bottled Spring or Mineral Water ❑ -4 Tonic Water/Club Soda/Ginger Ale etc. ❑ -X

b. If your drink/serve beer, do you ever buy it by the case? Yes ❑ 48-1 No ❑ -2

c. In an average month, approximately how often do you entertain at home? _____ 49- 50-

MEN'S TOILETRIES & GROOMING AIDS

14. Which of the following men's toiletries or grooming aids do you use? (Please check as many as apply.)

Pre-shave Lotion ❑ 51-1 Disposable Shaver ❑ -4 Hair Grooming Products ❑ -7
Shaving Cream or Gel ❑ -2 After-shave Lotion ❑ -5 Cologne ❑ -8
Blade Shaver ❑ -3 Electric Razor ❑ -6

SPORTS PARTICIPATION

15. Do you yourself actively participate in any sports activity? Yes ❑ 52-1 No ❑ -2

a) If so, which activities? _____ 53- 54-

b) In the past year have you purchased any running/athletic shoes? Yes ❑ 55-1 No ❑ -2

HOME ELECTRONICS

16. Do you or any member of your household own a video cassette recorder? Yes ❑ 56-1 No ❑ -2

a) If so, approximately how many blank and/or pre-recorded tapes have you purchased in the past year?

Blank Tapes _____ 57- 58- Pre-recorded Tapes _____ 59- 60-

b) Do you tape televised sports events? Yes ❑ 61-1 No ❑ -2

c) Do you or any member of your household own:

A Compact Disc Player? Yes ❑ 62-1 No ❑ -2
A Camcorder? Yes ❑ 63-1 No ❑ -2

CHARACTERISTICS

17. Are you: Male ❑ 64-1 Female ❑ -2

18. Your age: Under 18 ❑ 65-1 25-29 ❑ -3 35-39 ❑ -5 45-49 ❑ -7 55-59 ❑ -9 65 or over ❑ -X
18-24 ❑ -2 30-34 ❑ -4 40-44 ❑ -6 50-54 ❑ -8 60-64 ❑ -0

19. What is your marital status? Single ❑ 66-1 Married ❑ -2 Widowed, Divorced, Separated ❑ -3

20. Are you: White ❑ 67-1 Black ❑ -2 Hispanic ❑ -3 Oriental ❑ -4 Other ❑ -5

21. Which of the following best describes your present employment status?

Employed Full-Time ❑ 68-1 Employed Part-Time ❑ -2 Not Employed ❑ -3

If employed full or part time:

a) What is your particular job called? _____ 69- 70-

b) Does the job have a title? What is it? _____ 71- 72-

c) Please indicate below the annual income you personally get from your job before taxes:

Less than $10,000 ❑ 73-1 $15,000-$19,999 ❑ -3 $25,000-$34,999 ❑ -5 $50,000 or More ❑ -7
$10,000-$14,999 ❑ -2 $20,000-$24,999 ❑ -4 $35,000-$49,999 ❑ -6

22. What is the highest level you completed in school?

Some High School or Less ❑ 74-1 Attended College 1-3 Years ❑ -4
High School Graduate ❑ -2 College Graduate ❑ -5
Attended College Less Than 1 Year ❑ -3 Professional or Graduate School After 4 Years of College ❑ -6

23. What is the total combined annual income before taxes of all members of your household including yourself, that is, income from jobs as well as other sources?

Less than $15,000 ❑ 75-1 $20,000-$24,999 ❑ -3 $30,000-$34,999 ❑ -5 $40,000-$49,999 ❑ -7 $75,000 & Over ❑ -9
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Letters

Baseball

I have bought *Street & Smith's Baseball* for about nine years. I look forward to it. The only thing I wish it had more of is Hitters' Targets, like At Bats, Runs, Walks, etc.

STEPHEN MULLEN, New York, NY

I wanted to congratulate all those involved with this year's *Street & Smith's Baseball*. I was initially impressed with the follow-up given to the World Series and League Championship Series games. I shared the same sentiments that "The story of the Atlanta Braves was so warm, so wonderful, so unbelievable." The whole layout of this magazine is easy to read and understand. The way you framed the Cy Young, Rookie of the Year, and MVP awards and the update on the Hall of Fame. Just today I came across the all-time pitching stats. Never again will I look at Frank Tanana the same way. I like the photos, especially of the St. Louis Cardinals. That World Series shot of Bob Gibson and Tim McCarver is a real gem. I feel I'll enjoy the magazine throughout the summer. You guys are gamers . . . what more can I say.

DAVID DEVINE, East Springfield, PA

Why not have the Atlanta Braves and the Cincinnati Reds move over into the Eastern Division of the National League and the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Cubs move to the Western Division? Of the two new expansion teams, Miami would be in the East and Colorado in the West. This would bring the two divisions into line geographically.

Keeping things in perspective is important: East is East and West is West. This should pertain to all of the professional sports leagues.

JOHN T. SMITH, Fayetteville, PA

Basketball

I enjoy your College/Prep Basketball issue very much; I see it as the best in the business. But there is an omission I would like to see restored, the "Transfers" page. It is quick and informative for true basketball fans.

MIKE TRUTANICH, San Pedro, CA

I play basketball and was wondering how to get information about some of the top summer basketball camps. I was also wondering how good you should be before attending some of the top camps.

JEREMY JOHNSTON, Pinckneyville, IL

Your local high school and college athletic offices are the best sources of information on basketball camps in your area.

I am an avid reader of the Street & Smith's magazines each year, especially the Pro and College/Prep Basketball editions. I enjoy the hard details and the human-interest angles. The articles which provide insight into "Where Are They Now" are among my favorites.

For example, the article "The Wild Kingdom," in the 1992 Pro Basketball edition, provided a travelogue of humor and insight. The flavor of overseas food, travel, obstacles, and basketball comes through in an entertaining package.

Could you please include more articles about where the players have gone who were once the stars of your College Basketball editions and are not now prominently covered in your Pro Basketball because they are not in the NBA. In addition, given the global direction basketball has taken with American players in the forefront around the world, I would love to see more coverage such as the "Wild Kingdom" article.

JOSEPH MELLICKER, New York, NY

The 1992 Street & Smith's Pro Basketball *edition will address basketball's global expansion with a nation-by-nation list of Americans playing abroad.*

I am a very big fan of your College/Prep Basketball magazine. I was wondering if you were going to have a recruiting issue. I would really like to know where the top high school players are going to play.

WILLIAM TISDALE, Plano, TX

We do not plan to have a separate issue on recruiting. That is an area we cover in our College/Prep Basketball edition.

In recent issues your Pro Basketball magazine has been devoting more coverage of the professional game outside the United States. We appreciate this effort over here in the Philippines, where we are proud and passionate about our basketball. I have noticed, though, that in reporting such "illogical occurrences" as American players making it to the NBA after being cut by foreign teams (Kevin Gamble, who is now a regular with the Boston Celtics, was released by a team right here in Manila), you often attribute these situations to bad judgment on the part of the foreign teams. This is not necessarily the case.

It takes a certain type of player to be effective in a league like ours. Averaging 30 points and 15 rebounds don't necessarily mean that an American is effective. Americans are expected to average at least that much because of their physical superiority and because of the fact that they usually get to play the entire game. Because an American is expected to carry his team, he must possess certain specific skills if he is to be successful. Foremost of these is the ability to create his own shot, because as the go-to guy, the American must be able to score in the endgame when everybody in the coliseum knows he is going to take the shot. It isn't really important that his overall level of play be that high, since he will be playing against inferior players most of the time anyway.

In addition, when you take into account that there are almost always restrictions on the number of foreign players allowed per local team (most of the time there are even restrictions on height) and that foreign players are often paid top dollar, the pressure on team management to come up with winners and replace lemons becomes, quite understandably, immense.

Just thought I'd drop you guys a line and try to explain the way things are. Keep up the good work because your magazine's the best of the lot.

SOLOMEN TEH, Quezon City, The Philippines

Football

I'm a Houston Oilers fan who wants to add his opinion to the question everyone asks: "Is the AFC really good?" Washington punished Buffalo in Super Bowl XXVI, but for me there is no doubt that the AFC can compete. Remember that Washington lost two games all season (one meaningless) and only one other time were they really in trouble (against Houston). In the NFC final, they outscored Detroit, 41-10. This means that probably only Washington was the non-AFC-caliber team. I think that the Oilers are now the most talented team in the AFC, but unfortunately they could not show their stuff in Minneapolis because one miracle of John Elway eliminated them. But next year I hope and think they will be playing on January 31 in Pasadena, and finally win one for the AFC.

Congratulations for all your magazines. Go Oilers!

IGOR ITALIANI, Pesaro, Italy

Thank you for your far-reaching support. The Houston Oilers were indeed successful in 1991, capturing the AFC Central title only to lose to the amazing John Elway and the Denver Broncos in the playoffs. And we agree with your prediction: It will be the Oilers vs. the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XXVII.

I'm a big fan of your College Football magazine, but an even bigger fan of the Miami Hurricanes football team. I notice that you advertise magazines for fans of certain teams. I would like to buy a magazine that covers Miami's football program. Could you tell me if there is such a magazine, and how I might obtain one?

WILLIAM FAULKNER, Greenwood, SC

For information on a brand-new publication on Miami football, CaneSport, *see page 121 in this issue.*

I noticed an error in your 1991 College Football edition. In the schedules, it lists Furman University in Greenville, NC. That should read Greenville, SC.

BRIAN PEARCE, Greenville, SC

I enjoy all of your publications, especially the Pro and College Football issues. I was wondering if you could send me an address where I could get the complete individual statistics of the 1991-92 Michigan and North Carolina basketball teams.

SAM KWAN, Monterey Park, CA

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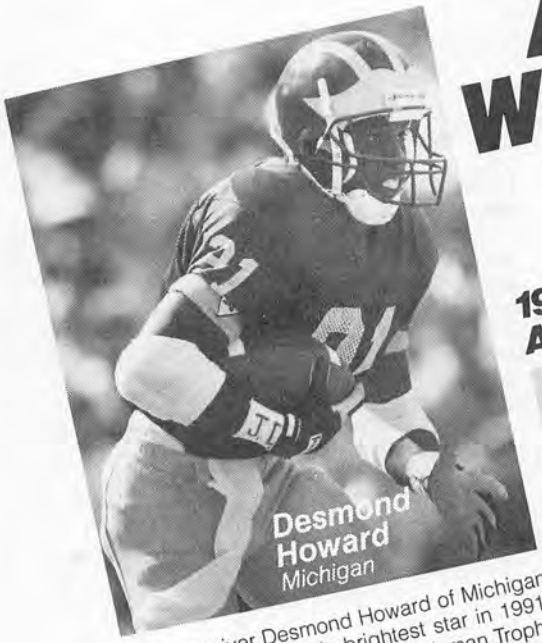
Desmond Howard
Michigan

Ty Detmer
Brigham Young

1991 Consensus All-America Team

Offense		
Quarterback	Ty Detmer	Brigham Young
Running back	*Vaughn Dunbar	Indiana
Running back	Trevor Cobb	Rice
Wide receiver	*Desmond Howard	Michigan
Wide receiver	Mario Bailey	Washington
Wide receiver	Carl Pickens	Tennessee
Tight end	Kelly Blackwell	Texas Christian
Tackle	Bob Whitfield	Stanford
Tackle	*Greg Skrepenak	Michigan
Guard	Jeb Flesch	Clemson
Guard	Mirko Jurkovic	Notre Dame
Center	*Jay Leeuwenburg	Colorado
Place-kicker	Carlos Huerta	Miami
Defense		
Line	*Steve Emtman	Washington
Line	*Santana Dotson	Baylor
Line	Brad Culpepper	Florida
Line	Robert Stewart	Alabama
Line	Leroy Smith	Iowa
Line	*Robert Jones	East Carolina
Linebacker	Marvin Jones	Florida State
Linebacker	Levon Kirkland	Clemson
Linebacker	*Terrell Buckley	Florida State
Back	Troy Vincent	Wisconsin
Back	Dale Carter	Tennessee
Back	Kevin Smith	Texas A&M
Back	Mark Bounds	Texas Tech
Punter		

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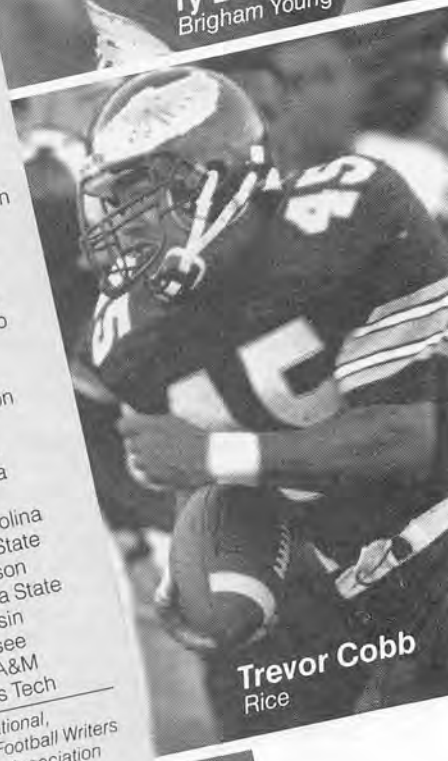
Trevor Cobb
Rice

Wide receiver Desmond Howard of Michigan was college football's brightest star in 1991. He received the 57th annual Heisman Trophy as the nation's outstanding player, with an unprecedented 85 percent of the first-place votes, and thus became the fourth consecutive junior and the first Wolverine player since Tom Harmon in 1940 to win. Howard averaged over 17 yards per play, scored 23 touchdowns—some in spectacular fashion—and ran away with top individual honors. A consensus All-America, he also won the Walter Camp and Maxwell Awards.

Florida State quarterback Casey Weldon, the runner-up to Howard in the Heisman balloting, won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. In addition, he was celebrated at the Downtown Athletic Club as the Exemplary Player of the Year by Street & Smith's, which named Dennis Erickson, whose Miami Hurricanes won a share of the national championship, as Coach of the Year. Don James of Washington, who shared coaching honors and the top spot in the final polls with Erickson, saw his defensive tackle Steve Emtman pick up the Outland Trophy and the Lombardi Award as the premier lineman in the country.

Brigham Young University quarterback Ty Detmer, the 1990 Heisman winner and the runner-up last season to Howard for the Maxwell Award, received the Davey O'Brien Award. Trevor Cobb of Rice won the Doak Walker Trophy as the top running back. Erick Anderson of Michigan received the Butkus Award as the premier linebacker and Terrell Buckley of Florida State the Jim Thorpe Trophy as the best defensive back.

Quarterback Jamie Martin of Weber State led Division I-AA in total offense for the second year in a row and won the Walter Payton Award. Wide receiver/kick returner Ronnie Hill, whose Pittsburg State team was the Division II champion, took top individual honors with the Harlon Hill trophy.

Other coaching awards last season went to Mark Duffner of Holy Cross (I-AA), Frank Cignetti from Indiana of Pennsylvania (Division II), and Mike Kelly of Dayton (Division III).

Steve Emtman
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Top 25

1. Marshall
2. Northern Iowa
3. Villanova
4. Northeast Louisiana
5. Youngstown State
6. Appalachian State
7. McNeese State
8. Samford
9. Montana
10. Delaware
11. Eastern Kentucky
12. Southern Illinois
13. Liberty
14. Middle Tennessee State
15. Weber State
16. Idaho
17. Alabama State
18. UT-Chattanooga
19. Western Illinois
20. New Hampshire
21. Furman
22. Georgia Southern
23. Southwest Texas State
24. Central Florida
25. Delaware State

Last check, Terry Allen hadn't had a decent night's sleep in some five months. He keeps trying to doze off, he says. He gets sleepier, sleepier, sleepier . . . then, just when he thinks his day is done, there's that vision—that nightmare.

HUNTINGTON, WV, December 7, 1991—Marshall University junior quarterback Michael Payton drops back in the pocket against Allen's Northern Iowa football team in the quarterfinals of the I-AA playoffs. Northern Iowa entered town with the nation's fourth-best defense, the statistics said. That defense leaves hours later, heads bowed, after Payton makes good on 21 of his 27 passes for 344 yards and three scores. Payton sets a playoff record with his 78 percent completion rate. Marshall wins, 41-13. . . .

Poof. End of nightmare. Allen awakes in a cold sweat.

"That's our motivation," he is saying now. "That's the first thing we talked about in spring practice. We remember how last season ended." There is a brief pause. "I guarantee you that if we played them again 10 times, they wouldn't beat us that badly once out of 10," Allen vows. "I'd love to play that game over."

Chances are, that could happen. Earlier this year, you see, the I-AA powers that be chose Marshall's posh, new, 28,000-seat, state-of-the-art facility—creatively coined "The Marshall University Stadium"—as the championship game site for the next two seasons with an option on the third year. And don't be surprised if the hosts are still around to greet, say, Northern Iowa come December 19. Rather, be surprised if they're not.

Roosevelt Potts *Northeast Louisiana*

"Ever since we've been here, we've been building for this year," said Marshall third-year coach Jim Donnan, whose team fell to Youngstown State by a 25-17 count in last year's I-AA title bout. "Last year was a bonus for us. Sure, we would have liked to have won it. We should have won it. But this is the year. This is the Year of the Herd, so to speak."

Much of Donnan's enthusiasm can be traced directly to the maturation of Payton, a strong-armed, six-foot, 220-pound senior from Harrisburg, PA. Payton, the Southern Conference's Offensive Player of the Year, is coming off a splendid season, one that saw him throw for 3,392 yards and 26 scores and establish a Division I standard for pass efficiency, with a gaudy 182.32 rating. All this, mind you, despite missing two games with a stomach virus.

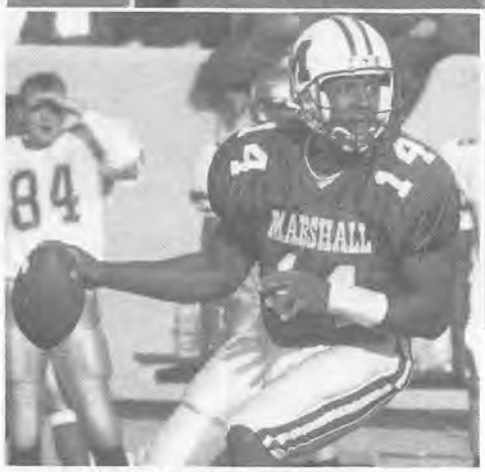
"No question, he's the marquee player of the conference," raved VMI coach Jim Shuck, whose defense saw Payton bomb away for a record 383 first-half yards in a 61-0 annihilation last November 16. "He's just so polished. He can beat you in so many different ways."

Payton had some help. Troy Brown arrived in Huntington last summer by way of Lees-McRae (NC) Junior College. One of 16 returning Herd starters, Brown wowed league crowds and coaches in 1991 with his unparalleled special-teams skills (record four kick returns for touchdowns, I-AA-leading 38.3 yards per kickoff return, 13.6 yards per punt return, four blocked kicks) and dynamic receiving talents (38 catches for 822 yards). Brown combines with slippery runners Orlando Hatchett (146-879) and Glenn Pedro (183-744, 13 TDs) and tight end Mike Bartrum (40-435) to give Marshall an explosive offensive mix.

"Troy's got to be the special-teams player of the decade for the things he does," said Donnan. "He has no weaknesses."

"They've got a pretty impressive group of receivers," added The Citadel's Charlie Taaffe. "Troy Brown is a breakaway threat every time he has the ball in his hands."

Oddly enough, I-AA's other Rocket Ismail look-alike, a slithery, 157-pound senior named Kenny Shedd, plays his football at Northern Iowa. Which alone makes the Panther offense dangerous. "He's such a multi-dimensional player," boasts Allen. "He can make it happen anywhere on the field." Quarterback Jay Johnson, a first-team all-Gateway Conference pick last year, is the man responsible for getting the ball in Shedd's hands much of the time. With Johnson (2,399 yards passing and 20 TDs), bruising fullback Tank Corner (172-873), and Shedd, the Panther offense is unpredictable and often unstoppable.



Michael Payton *Marshall*

But despite its poor showing against Marshall, Northern Iowa, according to Allen, is more renowned for its defense, which returns eight starters, including senior linebacker William Freeney, the league's Defensive Player of the Year. It is a unit that allowed its opponents an average of just 16.9 points and 274.8 yards per game. "They should have the best defense in the conference again," moaned Western Illinois coach Randy Ball. "And

***Orlando Hatchett** Marshall*

Freeney, boy. . . He's as good a player as there is at any position on any level."

Which brings us to Curtis Eller, Villanova's crunching, 225-pound All-America linebacker, and the recipient of similar heady acclaim. Eller, arguably the premier stopper in all of I-AA, is the fulcrum of the Wildcats' "Main Line Maulers" linebacking corps.

If that coachspeak about defense winning games has any validity to it, Villanova will be in the hunt for the national championship from start to finish. Yes, there is plenty of offense, particularly in the form of senior quarterback Tom Colombo (255 for 362, 2,679 yards, 21 TDs). But in Philadelphia, it is the defense that does most of the talking. And how! Nine starters return from a group that topped the nation in several categories, including scoring defense (a paltry 12.4 ppg). Eller, the team's most productive tackler for the third straight season, joins Dan Summers, Andy Cobaugh, and the Phil DiMaria/Mike Jones platoon on the main line. Burly all-league left tackle Chris Grychowski is the anchor of the unit.

"They have the size up front that makes their linebackers as good as anyone's in the country," said Richmond coach Jim Marshall.

Northeast Louisiana's unexpected postseason sabbatical has come and gone, and these Indians, on at least one side of the ball, look a lot like the Indians of 1987—the I-AA champion Indians. As it did in '87, Northeast boasts an embarrassment of offensive riches, with a potentially spectacular quarterback (Syracuse transfer Wendal Lowrey), a punishing runner (senior tailback Roosevelt Potts), and a pair of cat-quick, sure-handed receivers (Vincent Brisby, Corey Perkins). Lowrey, who started only four games a year ago, nevertheless made good on 80 of his 136 passes for 1,309 yards, earning Southland Conference Newcomer of the Year honors.

"We've got some quality guys back on offense," said NLU coach Dave Roberts. "Wendal Lowrey could have a huge year."

Things certainly won't be the same in Youngstown, Ohio, this fall with town hero Ray Isaac gone. Who can replace his 32-8 record as the starting quarterback at Youngstown State? Who can lead these Penguins to three straight playoff appearances? Who can direct a so-so offense to the I-AA national championship, as Isaac did last December? Who, Jim Tressel, who? "You cannot replace a Ray Isaac," said Tressel, Youngstown's seven-year coach. "You just have to work with what you've got, and go on from there."

What Youngstown's got is not a lot. Not at quarterback, at least. Translation: carries aplenty for workhorse tailback Tamron Smith, who in a 10-0 defeat of Samford in last year's playoffs took a record 46 handoffs and ran with them for 246 yards. On the season, Smith, a second-stringer behind the now departed Leo Hawkins, dashed for 1,545 yards on 301 totes. "He had a whole season against us," said Samford coach Terry Bowden. "He's the best inside-outside runner we saw all last year—and we saw them all."

Straight-faced and unmistakably serious, Georgia Southern coach Tim Stowers says that winning the Southern Conference, upon his school's 1993 admittance, will be more gruesome a chore than winning all those national championships ever were. "It's like a mini-SEC," Stowers said. "Without a doubt, it's the best conference in I-AA football. Period."

You've already heard about Reason No.1: Marshall. So meet Reason No. 2: defending Southern Conference champ Appalachian State. "Defensively," said Marshall's Donnan, "they've got some excellent athletes and a good scheme for our league because it's so run-oriented. Their quarterback is a solid, three-year starter who doesn't make many mistakes. They've got the best punter on the planet. And they play smart. They just don't go out and beat themselves."

Last year, they beat Marshall. And Wake Forest. And Furman. Their punter, senior Har-

continued

***Tom McDonald** Holy Cross*

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old Alexander, led all I-AA booters, with a 47.02-yard average. Their quarterback, senior D.J. Campbell, isn't one of the league's flashier players—he passed for just 1,517 regular-season yards in '91—but he wins. He wins a lot. Appalachian State's defense, headed by terrorizing senior linebacker Rico Mack and a formidable line, is the league's best. There is also talented runner Chip Hooks, who scampered for more than 1,000 yards last season as a true freshman.

"I don't know how they do it," Tennessee-Chattanooga coach Buddy Nix said of the methodical Mountaineers. "Marshall is No. 1 on everyone's list, but Appalachian has got to be a close second."

Had McNeese State's Cowboys not claimed the Southland title a year ago, chances are their 6-3-2 record would have put them on the wrong side of the playoff fence. But they got in—and lost in the opening round. That was last year. This fall, 20 starters are back, ready to stave off an inevitable run at the title by Northeast Louisiana. Junior linebacker Terry Irving, indisputably the Southland's top stopper, and all-league punter Pat Neck, another junior, will likely have the biggest say in how the Cowboys fare.

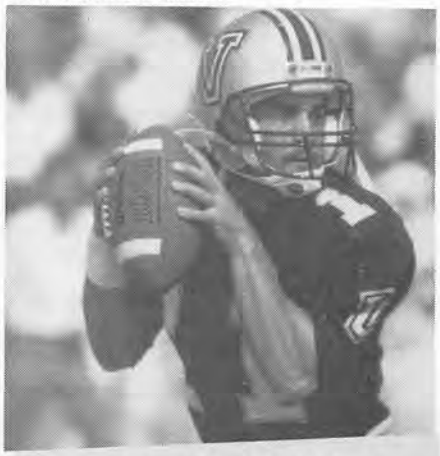
"Northeast has more maturity than us," Cowboys coach Bobby Keasler said. "We have a lot of returning starters, but they're young. We're going to be starting quite a few sophomores."

"It's a toss-up," added Northwestern State coach Sam Goodwin. "McNeese has been awfully good the last two years, and I think they're going to be much more talented than they were in those years. Last year they won with defense. This year, they have an experienced offense to go with it."

Football prowess is an altogether new concept for Samford supporters. But it's one they'd better get used to. The Bulldogs, fresh off their best season ever—one that included a Final Four berth—are truly one of the coming teams in all of I-AA. "Very few times does a team go to the Final Four, much less repeat going to the Final Four," said Bowden. "I don't know if we can go 12-2 again, but this is a program that can now expect to be in the playoffs every year. We have reached that level."

Leading the charge is lanky junior quarterback Ben Wiggins, who set school records for passes (395), completions (207), and yards (2,532) a year ago. Joining Wiggins in the backfield is slashing tailback Surkano "Tank" Edwards, who ran for 1,102 yards in '91. Edwards' presence should help ease at least some of the pain caused by the graduation of the Bulldogs' top five wideouts. And the Samford defense that limited Youngstown State to a season-low 10 points in last year's semifinals remains virtually intact, with nine starters back. Cornerback Marcus Durgin (school-record seven interceptions) and defensive end Ollie Sanders provide the big plays, while Ole Miss transfer Kenny Jones, a highly touted tackle, adds a new dimension to what was already considered a sturdy line.

***Tom Colombo** Villanova*



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RB Barry Bourassa . SR . New Hampshire
WR Troy Brown . SR . Marshall
WR Alex Davis . SR . Connecticut
TE Darren Rizzi . SR . Rhode Island
OL Steve McAdoo . SR . Middle Tennessee State
OL Rex Nottage . SR . Georgia Southern
OL Lorenzo Carpenter . SR . VMI
OL Phil Ratliff . SR . Marshall
OL Randy Crane . SR . Villanova
PK Alex Lacson . SO . Eastern Washington
DEFENSE
LB Rico Mack . SR . Appalachian State
LB Curtis Eller . SR . Villanova
LB Terry Irving . JR . McNeese State
DL Matt Shepherd . SR . Northeast Louisiana
DL Jeff Robinson . SR . Idaho
DL Alex Mash . JR . Georgia Southern
DL Michael Strahan . SR . Texas Southern
DL Tom McDonald . SR . Holy Cross
DB Warren McIntire . SR . Delaware
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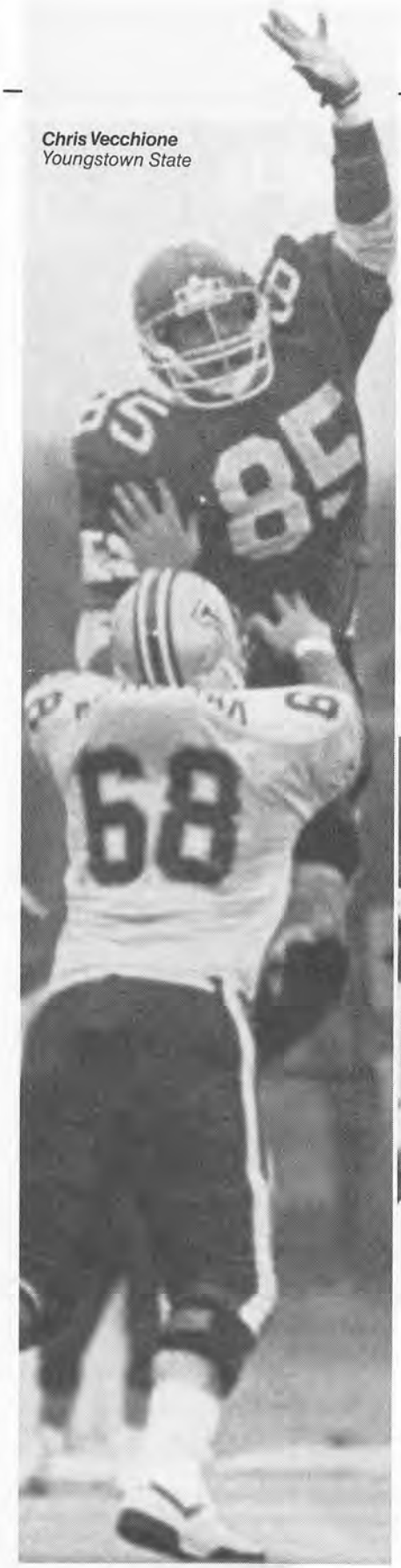
DB Adrion Smith . JR . Southwest Missouri State
P Harold Alexander . SR . Appalachian State

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE
QB Michael Payton . SR . Marshall
RB Willie English . SR . Central Florida
RB Kenny Sims . SR . James Madison
WR John Perry . SR . New Hampshire
WR Kenny Shedd . SR . Northern Iowa
TE Steve Dark . SR . Middle Tennessee State
OL Carey Cash . SR . The Citadel
OL Jody Schnug . JR . Idaho
OL Mark Scheible . SR . New Hampshire
OL Marcus Spears . JR . Northwestern State
OL Blayne Rush . JR . McNeese State
PK Daniel Gipson . JR . Tennessee Tech
DEFENSE
LB William Freeney . SR . Northern Iowa
LB Mark Blazejewski . SR . Fordham
LB Ken McMillan . JR . Western Illinois
DL Avery Hall . SR . Appalachian State
DL Mark Tyler . SR . William & Mary
DL LeRoy Thompson . SR . Delaware State
DL Chris Vecchione . SR . Youngstown State
DL Chad Bratzke . JR . Eastern Kentucky
DB Marcus Durgin . JR . Samford
DB Dave Roberts . SR . Youngstown State
DB Darryl Pounds . SO . Nicholls State
P Tom Sugg . SR . Idaho

***Chris Vecchione** Youngstown State*



Another championship-caliber team is another Yankee Conference team: the University of Delaware. The Blue Hens, who shared the league title last year with Villanova and New Hampshire, boast a wealth of talent on both sides of the ball. Four-year starter Bill Vergantino, who led Delaware in yards passing (1,393) and yards rushing (673) last season, directs the Hens' pesky wing-T offense. If all goes accordingly, Vergantino will rewrite the school record books, breaking each of the passing standards currently owned by Minnesota Vikings quarterback Rich Gannon.

"He is the master of that offense," said Richmond's Marshall. "He goes way beyond the playbook." Connecticut coach Tom Jackson said, "Vergantino is the ultimate competitor. He might have more pure athletic ability than anybody in the Yankee Conference."

Now that Nevada is off to the I-A ranks, it appears as though Idaho is the club to beat in the Big Sky, a conference renowned for its pass-happy offenses and big numbers. Back East, they joke, the Big Sky brand of football is more like basketball played on grass. The Vandals are no exception to the stereotype. Junior Doug Nussmeier, who completed nearly 60 percent of his attempts, threw for 3,300 yards last season. And with prime targets Yo Murphy, Alan Allen, and Walter Saunders all back, there is no telling how high those numbers could go. "We have one of the best—if not the best—bunch of receivers in the league," said coach John L. Smith. "And next to [Weber State quarterback and Walter Payton Award winner] Jamie Martin, Doug Nussmeier is the best quarterback in the league."

Bill Vergantino *Delaware*

While the offense is certainly dynamic and the receiving corps is stocked with cool names, "our biggest strength is our defensive front," said Smith. There, Idaho starts three seniors: Billy Sims, John Sirmon, and left end Jeff Robinson, the conference's Defensive Player of the Year in '91. "You hear a lot about their offense," said Montana coach Don Read, "but their defense is actually what makes them so tough."

Three of I-AA's perennial powers—Eastern Kentucky, Furman, and Georgia Southern—are each looking at rebuilding years. Let's keep this in the proper perspective, though. For these proven programs, rebuilding means a loss or two more than usual, but a probable playoff bid. Each merely needs to restock, and it may take a few weeks to do so.

Eastern, which succumbed to Marshall on the road in last year's semifinals by a single touchdown, has the nation's finest runner in senior tailback Markus Thomas (243 carries for 1,699 yards, 7.0-yard average, 11 TDs), who split time with 1992 NFL draftee Tim Lester. "Markus is one of the best backs that's ever played here—and I've had some good ones," said 29-year coach Roy Kidd. "I just hope we get somebody up front for his sake. I've always said that a back is only as good as his blockers."

Alex Davis *Connecticut*

That's the problem. How good can Thomas be behind a line that loses three all-Ohio Valley Conference players? Other areas of concern include the defensive line, where four or five starters no longer reside, and at fullback, where the top performers from '91 are gone. This may not be the season that the Colonels garner their 15th OVC title in the Kidd Era. Middle Tennessee State and quarterback Kelly Holcomb should see to that.

Of all the so-called "rebuilders," Furman's Purple Paladins may have the steepest hill to climb. Not that Jimmy Satterfield's bunch, with 10 returning starters, is any worse off than EKU or Georgia Southern. It's just that the Southern Conference—with Marshall, Appalachian State, Tennessee-Chattanooga, and The Citadel—offers little pity for a team on the downswing. Especially perennial league favorite Furman. While the Paladins' first-string backfield of junior quarterback Hugh Swilling and runners Carl Tremble and O.J. Davis remains the same, little else does. Center B.J. Estes is the only returning regular on the line. Defensively, Furman will rely on a pair of new safeties and new linebackers. Down years are a rarity in Greenville, SC.

Lastly, there is the curious case of Georgia Southern, which won consecutive national titles in 1989-90. The roster is crammed with All-America candidates, from senior offensive tackle Rex Nottage to junior nose guard Alex Mash to sprinting quarterback Joe Dupree, a transfer from Georgia. But . . .

"It's definitely a rebuilding year on the defensive side of the ball with just two starters back," said Stowers. "It's hard to be hungry on a full stomach, as we've found out for so many years. Now, we're going to find out how hungry we are on an empty stomach." □

Don Caparotti *Massachusetts*

Street & Smith's 1992 High School All-America Team

by DOUG HUFF
WHEELING INTELLIGENCER

The feeling that teen-age athletes are getting bigger, faster, and stronger is supported by the 11th annual 50-player *Street & Smith's College Football* High School All-America team. Consider the following physical characteristics of this season's honorees:

- Five of the interior linemen weigh from 280 to 321 pounds and four measure 6-foot-7 or taller.
- The two tight ends are 6-foot-5, 257-pounds and 6-4, 250-pounds.
- All 10 running backs, four wide receivers, and three of the four utility players clock 4.6 seconds or faster for 40 yards, including 11 who weigh over 190 pounds.

In other words, talent and potential abound among our 50 players from 25 states. They are selected on recommendations from prep writers, scouts, and college and high school coaches from coast to coast.

And if you're looking for a prep phenom, look no farther than James Allen, a small-school sensation from Wynnewood High in Oklahoma, which captured the Class AA title last season with a 15-0 record. The 6-foot-1, 196-pound Allen played in only 32 of the 60 quarters but scored 44 touchdowns while rushing 289 times for 2,620 yards. In three games he played in only one quarter and saw action in the first half of three other victories. Also an all-district basketball player and track sprinter, he has been labeled by some scouts as the best running back in the Southwest since Billy Sims of Hooks, TX, who was the 1978 Heisman Trophy winner for the University of Oklahoma and later a running back for the Detroit Lions. Joining Allen as cited running backs are the cream of the crop from Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Michigan, Georgia, and Arizona.

When Dion Marion was healthy last season, Killeen, TX, was unbeatable and captured the state Class 5A Division I crown with a 13-2 record. Marion, also a standout track performer, missed five games but rushed for over 1,300 yards to lead his team to the title.

Marc Edwards enters his fourth season as a regular running back/linebacker for Norwood High in Cincinnati, OH. Last season, he rushed for 2,350 yards and 21 TDs to boost his career marks to 4,280 yards and 46 (on 635 carries). He also has charted 413 tackles.

Observers in Beaver County, PA, are comparing Chico Williams of Aliquippa High to Tony Dorsett, who was the 1976 Heisman Trophy honoree from the University of Pittsburgh after graduating from Hopewell High. Williams rushed 304 times for 2,267 yards and 27 TDs last season as the Quips captured the state Class AA title.

In the Eastern part of the Keystone State, Chris Dickerson is attracting coast-to-coast recruiting interest. The 6-foot-2, 220-pound four-year starter with 4.4-second speed rushed for over 1,200 yards in a 10-0 season for Glen Mills in Concordville last fall. He has over 4,000 all-purpose career yards.

The top New Jersey running back, Nelson Bonilla of South River, hails from the same school which produced pro receivers Kenny Jackson and Drew Pearson, quarterback Joe Theismann, and Hall of Fame lineman Alex Wojciechowski. Bonilla set a school single-season record as a sophomore with 2,014 rushing yards and 22 TDs. Last season, he accounted for 1,989 all-purpose yards, including 1,550 rushing.

In Michigan, defending Class A state champion East Lansing is hoping to repeat. All-stater Randy Kinder is back following a junior year which included 2,057 yards and 27 TDs on 215 rushes.

Marietta could be the team to beat in Georgia this season as Amel Jackson, the state's leading scorer in 1991, returns. Jackson, who won the state long jump as a freshman and sophomore, tallied 38 TDs in a 13-1 season while rushing 222 times for 1,780 yards and catching 26 passes for 376 yards.

Mike Mitchell will be seeking his third all-state honor in Arizona this season as the Phoenix Brophy Prep senior attracts wide recruiting interest. He rushed 229 times for 1,995 yards and 24 TDs a year ago. As a sophomore, he gained 1,473 yards and tallied 24 TDs on only 125 rushes.

Here is a summary of the remainder of the Top 50 honor roll:

QUARTERBACKS

College recruiters know the way to Berwick, PA, since Bulldog athletes have received over $6-million in scholarship aid the last two decades. This fall, all-state returnee Ron Powlus will attract the scouts to Berwick after he recorded over 2,800 yards in total offense last season. Powlus has passed for 4,409 yards and 31 TDs while accounting for 5,416 yards in total offense and 56 career TDs.

Jeff Hecklinski returns for his fourth starting season at Palatine, IL, in both football and basketball. Considered the state's top gridiron prospect, he hopes to improve on his career statistics of 255 of 474 passes for 3,484 yards and 31 TDs.

Scott Frost of Wood River, NE, is coached by his father, Larry, a former U. of Nebraska running back, while his receivers are tutored by his mother, a 1968 U.S. track Olympian. The three-sport stalwart competes for a small school but was the all-class, all-state quarterback last season while racking up some national-class numbers. He averaged 311.6 yards per game with 36 TDs in 11 starts. He rushed for 1,464 yards and 19 TDs and passed for 1,964 yards and 17 TDs. In a 32-game career, Frost has passed for 4,717 yards and 46 TDs and rushed for 2,693 and 46.

Another small-school standout is Thad Busby, a Florida all-stater who is regarded by several college scouts as the top passing prospect in the Southeast.

In Tennessee, the premier option quarterback is Ronnie Pillow, a football and basketball standout for Columbia Central High. The three-year regular rushed for over 1,000 yards and passed for 753 last season.

UTILITY PLAYERS

Carl McCullough was the St. Paul-Minneapolis metro player of the year as a junior while playing in the same Cretin-Derham Hall backfield with All-America quarterback Chris Walsh, a University of Miami recruit.

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James Allen, Wynnewood High Oklahoma

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This season, the former running back/wide receiver/defensive back/kick returner/punter replaces Walsh at quarterback. As a junior back, he scored 29 TDs, including three on returns, while rushing 138 times for 1,148 yards. As a sophomore receiver, he caught 47 Walsh passes for 1,234 yards and 11 TDs. A sprinter/jumper in track, he tied for first in the state long jump as a sophomore.

Emmett Mosley was the Colorado Class 6A player of the year in 1991 while leading the state in scoring for Mullen Prep in Denver. He surpassed the 1,000-yard mark in both rushing and receiving and handled kick-return chores. He's also a track sprinter.

Stais Boseman is All-America caliber in football and basketball for Morningside High of Inglewood, CA. An all-state defensive back, he also is being recruited as a quarterback. He earned state Junior of the Year accolades by rushing for 1,352 yards and 18 touchdowns and passing for 1,174 and 16 with only one interception.

Jammie German may be the most exciting prep out of the Fort Myers area since Deion Sanders. A three-sport standout, he had three punt-return TDs nullified by infractions last season but caught 17 passes for 605 yards and eight TDs. As a defensive back, he intercepted four passes and charted 95 tackles.

RECEIVERS

Maurice Mebane set a North Carolina record with 106 receptions for 1,450 yards and 15 TDs last season at Cummings High in Burlington. He enters his final year with a state-record 189 catches for 2,989 yards and 32 TDs.

Joe Jurevivius led Lake Catholic of Mentor, OH, to a 14-1 record and state Class 3A title last season while grabbing 58 passes for 1,124 yards and 10 TDs. Also a basketball player, the 6-foot-6, 215-pounder punted for a 39-yard average.

Leroy Pruitt is the main target in the run-and-shoot offense at Blue Springs, MO. Last season, he had 97 receptions for 1,010 yards after catching 67 passes for 765 yards as a sophomore.

Trent Jones, with 4.4-second 40-yard speed at Palmetto High, is considered the top offensive prospect in the Miami, FL, area, which regularly feeds several Top 25 colleges.

Tight ends Sam Hemke and Todd Stevenson are being recruited for their blocking prowess and may be converted to the offensive line in college. Hemke also plays linebacker and offensive line for Lahser High of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Stevenson is a four-year regular two-way end for Lakeside High of Atlanta, GA, which tied for the state Class AAA title last season with with a 14-0-1 mark.

KICKER

Scott Bentley of Overland High in Aurora, CO, is already kicking off longer than any current NFL kicker! He averages 68 yards for 104 career kickoffs with only 20 returns. He has converted 23 of 31 career field goals, including six over 50 yards. Last season, he connected on 11 of 17 field goals for an average of 42.6 yards, including boots of 58, 57, 54, and 50 yards. He has 152 points with 83 of 86 PATs in his prep career.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Regan Upshaw, whose uncle, Gene, is a pro football Hall of Famer, is carrying the family name with distinction. Playing for the same school which produced Lionel Aldridge and John Henry Johnson (Pittsburg, CA, High), Upshaw graded 94 percent blocking efficiency last season while executing 26 key blocks on TD runs for the 11-1-1 sectional champions. Doubling as a defensive end, he had 82 tackles and 11 sacks.

Recruiters know three massive tackles from Indiana, Alabama, and Florida. Eric Chandler (6-8, 321) also plays basketball and runs track for Lawrence North of Indianapolis when not bench pressing 435 pounds. Willie Anderson (6-7, 305) was a Class 6A all-stater last season for Vigor High of Prichard, AL, the 1988 mythical national champion. Kerwin Blaise (6-5, 300) also earned all-state honors for Maynard Evans High of Orlando, FL, which tied for the state Class 5A championship in 1991.

In Iowa, a growing 6-8, 250-pound farm boy, Ed Machin of Newton, will be starting his third season as the talent scouts look on.

The home of the top center prospect could be Springdale, AR, as Don Struebing returns to the state runner-up team for the third straight season.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Two stalwarts from California teams with 13-1 records last season are among seven honorees: Travis Kirschke of Esperanza High of Anaheim and Germaine Gray of Eisenhower High of Rialto. Kirschke, who bench presses 345 pounds and spins the discus over 175 feet, was one of only two underclassmen on the first two 1991 all-state teams. Gray is a three-year regular at defensive end who is attracting widespread recruiting interest.

A massive nose guard with 4.65 40-yard speed is Mississippi all-stater Eric Dotson of Pascagoula. He had 83 tackles and 10 sacks last fall and bench presses 370 pounds.

In New Jersey, Nebraska is the name to follow—Nebraska Baker of Matewan High in Aberdeen. The three-sport athlete, who doubles as a tight end, recorded 60 tackles, including 12 for losses, and eight sacks.

Carter High of Dallas, TX, sent 12 players to college from last year's 12-2 team. This season, William Carr tops the list after being in on 126 tackles with 11 sacks.

The top prospect in the D.C. area is Darryl Gilliam of St. John's, who also handles kickoff duties and has played tight end and fullback at 290 pounds—as well as basketball.

In Louisiana, scouts like end Colby McCullough of Archbishop Shaw at Marrero. He had 75 tackles and seven sacks last fall.

LINEBACKERS

Florida is loaded with prime-time 'backers this season, and two of the best are Daryl Bush of Lake Brantley High in Altamonte Springs and James Burgess of Homestead High in the Miami area. Bush, who bench presses 375 pounds and heaves the shot put and discus, is a three-year regular who earned all-state honors as a junior when he made 231 tackles in 12 games. Burgess is an active defender in football and won the state heavyweight wrestling title as a junior.

In Birmingham, AL, Melvin Dansby of Ensley High is called "Feet" because he wears a size 19 shoe to support his 6-4, 237-pound frame. The three-sport performer earned all-state football laurels after recording 160 tackles and eight fumble recoveries as a junior.

Allen Wilbon is entering his fourth season as a starter at Kimball High in Dallas, TX, and hopes to lead the team in tackles three straight years after earning all-state recognition on his 10-1 squad.

The top prospect in South New Jersey is Jerome Randell of Woodrow Wilson High in Camden. Also a basketball player, this outside 'backer posted 10 sacks, four fumble recoveries, and two interceptions last season.

Aaron Thomas is drawing national recruiting interest at Immaculate Conception High in Elmhurst, IL. The 6-4, 214-pounder is a sprinter in track season.

Folks in Norman, OK, feel Tyrell Peters can play for any college. Using 4.53 40-yard speed, the Norman High athlete made 97 tackles, including six for losses as a junior. He's also a touted fullback.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Ronde Barber is one-half of the nation's most talented football twins for Cave Spring High in Roanoke, VA. He earned first-team all-state honors as a junior. Twin Tiki, also one of the nation's top track performers, is being recruited as a running back.

Sammy Knight is following in the All-America honor shoes of brother Ryan, a 1983 running back at Rubidoux High in Riverside, CA. Sammy, also a quarterback/running back, has blocked eight kicks in two seasons. In addition, he runs track and plays basketball.

Tony Blevins earned second-team all-Missouri honors last season at Rockhurst High in Kansas City and is a leader this fall for one of the nation's premier teams.

Eric Allen tops several recruiting shopping lists after two standout seasons at North Central High in Indianapolis, IN.

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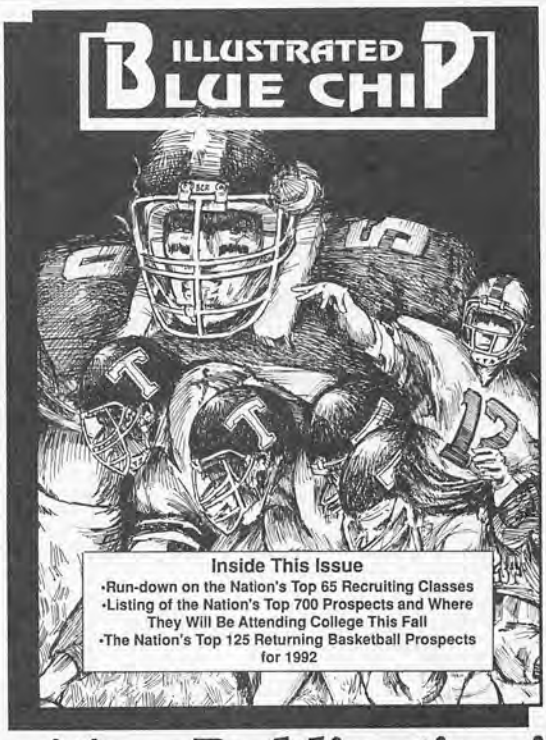

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QUARTERBACKS	ht.	wt.	high school	home town
Thad Busby	6-3	190	Pace	Pace, FL
Scott Frost	6-3	205	Wood River	Wood River, NE
Jeff Hecklinski	6-3	193	Palatine	Palatine, IL
Ronnie Pillow	6-1	180	Central	Columbia, TN
Ron Powlus	6-4	205	Berwick	Berwick, PA
RUNNING BACKS				
James Allen	6-1	196	Wynnewood	Wynnewood, OK
Nelson Bonilla	6-0	200	South River	South River, NJ
Chris Dickerson	6-2	210	Glen Mills	Concordville, PA
Marc Edwards	6-2	220	Norwood	Norwood, OH
Amel Jackson	5-7	172	Marietta	Marietta, GA
Randy Kinder	6-1	195	East Lansing	East Lansing, MI
Dion Marion	6-1	190	Killeen	Killeen, TX
Mike Mitchell	6-1	205	Brophy Prep	Phoenix, AZ
Antonio Procise	5-10	210	Central	Sussex, VA
Chico Williams	5-8	175	Aliquippa	Aliquippa, PA
UTILITY PLAYERS				
Stais Boseman	6-3	185	Morningside	Inglewood, CA
Jammie German	6-2	180	Fort Myers	Fort Myers, FL
Carl McCullough	6-3	200	Cretin-Derham Hall	St. Paul, MN
Emmett Mosley	5-10	170	Mullen Prep	Denver, CO
WIDE RECEIVERS				
Trent Jones	5-9	175	Palmetto	Miami, FL
Joe Jurevicius	6-5	210	Lake Catholic	Mentor, OH
Maurice Mebane	6-3	205	Cummings	Burlington, NC
Leroy Pruitt	5-9	170	Blue Springs	Blue Springs, MO
TIGHT ENDS				
Sam Hemke	6-4	250	Lahser	Bloomfield Hills, MI
Todd Stevenson	6-5	257	Lakeside	Atlanta, GA
KICKER				
Scott Bentley	6-1	170	Overland	Aurora, CO
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN				
Willie Anderson	6-7	305	Vigor	Prichard, AL
Kerlin Blaise	6-5	300	Evans	Orlando, FL
Eric Chandler	6-8	321	Lawrence North	Indianapolis, IN
Ed Machin	6-8	250	Newton	Newton, IA
Don Struebing	6-3	248	Springdale	Springdale, AR
Regan Upshaw	6-5	225	Pittsburg	Pittsburg, CA
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN				
Nebraska Baker	6-7	230	Matawan	Aberdeen, NJ
William Carr	6-2	266	Carter	Dallas, TX
Eric Dotson	6-4	280	Pascagoula	Pascagoula, MS
Darryl Gilliam	6-6	290	St. John's	Washington, DC
Germaine Gray	6-6	260	Eisenhower	Rialto, CA
Travis Kirschke	6-4	252	Esperanza	Anaheim, CA
Colby McCullough	6-4	242	Shaw	Marrero, LA
LINEBACKERS				
James Burgess	6-2	220	Homestead	Homestead, FL
Daryl Bush	6-3	225	Lake Brantley	Altamonte Springs, FL
Melvin Dansby	6-4	237	Ensley	Birmingham, AL
Tyrell Peters	6-0	205	Norman	Norman, OK
Jerome Randell	6-4	215	Woodrow Wilson	Camden, NJ
Aaron Thomas	6-4	218	Im. Conception	Elmhurst, Il
Allen Wilbon	6-2	210	Kimball	Dallas, TX
DEFENSIVE BACKS				
Eric Allen	6-1	170	North Central	Indianapolis, IN
Ronde Barber	5-10	165	Cave Spring	Roanoke, VA
Tony Blevins	6-1	175	Rockhurst	Kansas City, MO
Sammy Knight	6-1	190	Rubidoux	Riverside, CA

Other prep seniors to watch

QUARTERBACKS

	high school	home town
Ben Anderson	Chapin	Chapin, SC
Brandon Barker	Randall	Canyon, TX
Pat Barnes	Trabucco Hills	Mission Viejo, CA
Brady Batten	East Bakersfield	Bakersfield, CA
Erik Bennett	Simi Valley	Royal, CA
J. P. Blair	Pikeville	Pikeville, KY
Mike Bobo	Thomasville	Thomasville, GA
James Brown	West Brook	Beaumont, TX
David Burton	Winchester	Winchester, IN
Kevin Carter	Rich Central	Olympia Fields, IL
Aaron Conte	Central Catholic	Greensburg, PA
Bill Coury	Valley	New Kensington, PA
Rafus Crawford	Chesnee	Chesnee, SC
Tony Darden	Holmes	San Antonio, TX
Keith Davis	Anacostia	Washington, DC
Buddy Edmonds	Patterson	Baltimore, MD
Brian Fahy	Oriskany	Oriskany, NY
Aaron Flowers	Artesia	Lakewood, CA
Todd Floyd	McQueen	Reno, NV
Tyrone Frazier	Woodlawn	Shreveport, LA
Ronald Giles	Western Branch	Chesapeake, VA
Carl Gutke	San Juan	Blanding, UT
Scott Harry	Homer	Homer, AK
Billy Haskin	Tilghman	Paducah, KY
Matt Hasselbeck	Xaverian Brothers	Norfolk, MA
Bryan Hawkins	Atascadero	Atascadero, CA
Darrel Henderson	Westfield	Spring, TX
Pete Jelovic	Lake Catholic	Mentor, OH
Kris Kelly	Girard	Girard, OH
Freddie Kitchens	Gadsden	Gadsden, AL
Joel Lane	St. Louis	Honolulu, HA
Scot Loeffler	Barberton	Barberton, OH
Jamie Lyle	Fairport	Fairport, NY
Perez Mattison	Westside	Anderson, SC
Kevin McKechnie	Christian Brothers	Sacramento, CA
Nate Minnis	Blue Springs	Blue Springs, MO
Bill Oliver	Monta Vista	Cupertino, CA
Josh Paffhausen	Butte	Butte, MT
Chad Parker	Adairsville	Adairsville, GA
Jake Plummer	Capital	Boise, ID
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Marvin Wright . . Arthur Hill . . Saginaw, MI

KICKERS

Dexter Butler . . Vernon . . Vernon, TX
Jeremy Carcich . . Neptune . . Neptune, NJ
Brett Conway . . Parkview . . Lilburn, GA
Brad Costello . . Holy Cross . . Delran, NJ
Tim Daughtry . . Midwest City . . Midwest City, OK
Nate DeLong . . Roosevelt . . Wyandotte, MI
John Dugandzic . . Lane Tech . . Chicago, IL
Rafael Garcia . . George Washington . . Danville, VA
Steve Guaradado . . Andress . . El Paso, TX
Chris Hackett . . Riverview . . Sarasota, FL
Josh Haza . . Lebanon . . Lebanon, MO
Ralp Heaton . . Irvin . . El Paso, TX
Tim Huckel . . Washington Township . . Sewell, NJ
Tim Hughes . . Gridley . . Gridley, CA
Greg Janacek . . Glenbard West . . Glen Ellyn, IL
Mike Malfatt . . Dublin . . Dublin, OH
Hardin Patterson . . Tupelo . . Tupelo, MS
Joey Poretto . . Wooster . . Reno, NV
Jamie Potosnak . . Strong Vincent . . Erie, PA
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QUARTERBACKS

	home town	college
Eric Boykin	Dayton, OH	Michigan
Chuck Clements	Huntsville, TX	Houston
Chad Davis	Mira Mesa, CA	Oklahoma
Ryan Driscoll	Marion, IA	Iowa
Ryan Fein	Simi Valley, CA	UCLA
Tommie Frazier	Bradenton, FL	Nebraska
Todd Helton	Knoxville, TN	Tennessee
Rodney Hudson	LaGrange, GA	Mississippi State
Dan Kanell	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Florida State

50 Underclassmen to Watch

Alabama — Fred Beasley, Montgomery Robert E. Lee, RB
Arizona — Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, DB
Arkansas — Tyrone Henry, Wilson Rivercrest, RB-LB
California — George Keiaho, Ventura Buena, RB; Zack Matthews, Tustin, PK; Tony Harvey, Carson, QB
Colorado — Ryan Clement, Denver Mullen, QB; Steve Walden, Fort Collins, RB
Florida — Shawn Bane, Sarasota Riverview, RB; Lamont Green, Miami Southridge, LB; Derrick Balkcom, Chipley, OL; Anthony Campbell, Sarasota Riverview, WR-DB; Corlaris Johnson, Alachua Santa Fe, DB
Georgia — Jimmy Bishop, Cumming South Forsyth, RB; Tommy Dorsey, Athens Cedar Shoals, LB-DE; Greg Spruell, Albany, LB-RB
Illinois — David Searcy, East St. Louis, WR
Indiana — Bo Barzilauskas, Bloomington South, OL; Damion Hackworth, Elkhart Central, LB; Kelton Davis, Fort Wayne North, OL; Craig Killibrew, Indianapolis Washington, OL
Kansas — Derek Hubbard, Wichita South, RB
Kentucky — Marky Johnson, Paducah Tilghman, LB-TE
Maryland — Dwight Banks, Baltimore City College, WR
Michigan — Raphael Cooper, Detroit Chadsey, RB; Lester Davis, Detroit Cooley, OL
Missouri — DeAndre James (Soph), St. Louis Sumner, DE; James Williams, Salem, OL; Joseph Haynes, Van Horn, DL
New Jersey — Vernon Rollins, Hackensack, LB
North Carolina — Ernest Tinnan, Burlington Cummings, QB; Robert Daniels, Charlotte West Charlotte, DL
Ohio — Dee Miller, Springfield South, WR; Dwayne Harris, Columbus South, RB; Damon Butts, Akron St. Vincent-St. Marys, DL
Pennsylvania — Dan Kendra (Soph), Bethlehem Catholic, QB; Doug Ostrosky, Pittsburgh Fox Chapel, TE-P; John Stocker, Berwick, OL; Eric Kasperowicz, Pittsburgh, North Hills, QB
South Carolina — Lee Smith, Spartanburg, WR; Andre Aikens, Central Daniel, RB; Holland Postell, Summerville, OL; Jerald Cochran (Soph), Walterboro, DL
Tennessee — Raffael Griffin, Knoxville Austin East, DL; Zane Lewis, Memphis Raleigh-Egypt, LB
Texas — John Williams, Odessa Permian, RB; Derrick Fletcher, Houston Aldine, DL; Willie Willis, Fort Bend Willowridge, DE
Virginia — Allen Iverson, Hampton Bethel, DB; Marcus Parker, Salem, RB

(Juniors unless indicated)

25 Prep teams to watch in 1992

Alabama — Montgomery Robert E. Lee (13-1)
Arizona — Tempe McClintock (5-5)
California — Los Angeles Loyola (10-3); Fresno Clovis West (11-2); Carson (6-5); Mountain View St. Francis (7-4-1)
Colorado — Denver Mullen Prep (9-2)
Florida — Sarasota Riverview (10-2); Miami Southridge (11-2-1)
Georgia — Marietta (13-1); Valdosta (11-1)
Illinois — Chicago Mount Carmel (12-2); East St. Louis (13-1)
Kansas — Lawrence (11-1)
Louisiana — River Ridge John Curtis (11-1)
Michigan — Detroit Central Catholic (11-2); East Lansing (11-2)
Missouri — Kansas City Rockhurst (8-3); Blue Springs (10-2)
New Jersey — Union (11-0)
Ohio — Cincinnati Princeton (10-1)
Pennsylvania — Berwick (8-3)
Texas — Odessa Permian (16-0); Dallas Carter (12-2)
West Virginia — Charleston Capital (13-0)

(1991 Records)

Top 10 Recruiting Classes

1. Florida
2. Michigan
3. Notre Dame
4. Louisiana State
5. Florida State
6. Miami
7. Colorado
8. Oklahoma
9. Clemson
10. Texas A&M

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Shea Morenz....San Angelo, TX....Texas
Corey Pullig....Deer Park, TX....Texas A&M
Ted Stark....Medford, OR....Washington
Chris Walsh....St. Paul, MN....Miami
Danny Wuerffel....Fort Walton Beach, FL....Florida

RUNNING BACKS / DEFENSIVE BACKS

Sterling Boyd....Sherman, TX....Georgia
Daymon Carter....Henderson, KY....Kentucky
Dwayne Chandler....Aberdeen, MS....Oklahoma
Robert Davis....Homewood, AL....LSU
Steve Davis....Spartanburg, SC....Auburn
David Dotson....Moreno, CA....Southern Cal
Ty Douthard....Cincinnati, OH....Illinois
Jeff Frazier....Oklahoma City, OK....Oklahoma
Jeff Godley....Arlington, TX....TCU
Jack Hallmon....Fort Lauderdale, FL....Miami
Sean Hamlet....Hampton, VA....Florida State
Scott Hammond....San Diego, CA....San Diego State
Steve Holman....Indianapolis, IN....Michigan State
Brian Magee....Largo, FL....Notre Dame
Abdul McCullough....Oceanside, CA....UCLA
Leeland McElroy....Beaumont, TX....Texas A&M
Lawyer Milloy....Tacoma, WA....Washington
Chris Moore....East St. Louis, IL....Illinois
Ron Nealy....Concordville, PA....South Carolina
Rashaan Salaam....La Jolla, CA....Colorado
Milt Shaw....Tarboro, NC....Clemson
Shawn Summers....Oak Ridge, TN....Tennessee
Bobby Taylor....Longview, TX....Notre Dame
Robert Toomer....Sylvester, GA....LSU
Shawn Walters....Arlington, TX....Southern Cal
Kenny Wilkins....Mesa, AZ....Colorado
Sherrod Wyatt....Dallas, TX....Texas A&M

RECEIVERS

Mike Adams....Arlington, TX....Texas
Pete Chryplewicz....Sterling Heights, MI....Notre Dame
Juan Daniels....Norcross, GA....Georgia
Mercury Hayes....Houston, TX....Michigan
Eddie Kinnison....Lake Charles, LA....LSU
David LaFleur....Westlake, LA....LSU
Derrick Mayes....Indianapolis, IN....Notre Dame
Mike McDaniel....Oklahoma City, OK....Oklahoma
Adam Meadows....Powder Springs, GA....Georgia
Monty Means....Union, SC....South Carolina
Jim Moore....Garden City, KS....Kansas
Lovell Pinkney....Washington, DC....Texas
Jason Shelley....Vallejo, CA....Washington
Amani Toomer....Concord, CA....Michigan
Tamarick Vanover....Tallahassee, FL....Florida State

INTERIOR LINEMEN

Ervin Briley....Houston, TX....Texas A&M
Jeff Buckey....Bakersfield, CA....Stanford
Kendrick Burton....Hartselle, AL....Alabama
Marcus Carmouche....Carencro, LA....LSU
Shannon Clavelle....New Orleans, LA....Colorado
Jeff Craig....Connellsville, PA....Pittsburgh
Ian Davis....Pekin, IL....Iowa
LaRoi Glover....San Diego, CA....San Diego State
Reggie Green....Bradenton, FL....Florida
Thomas Guynes....Kankakee, IL....Michigan
Anthony Jones....Oak Lawn, IL....Notre Dame
Marcus Jones....Jacksonville, NC....North Carolina
Bryan Jurewicz....Deerfield, IL....Wisconsin
Will Lyell....Brandon, MS....Notre Dame
Pete Marczyk....Absecon, NJ....Penn State
Chris Naeole....Kahuku, HA....Colorado
Dan Neil....Houston, TX....Texas

Boris Oden....Atlanta, GA....Penn State
Jonathan Ogden....Washington, DC....UCLA
Caeser O'Neal....Huntsville, TX....Miami
Harvey Pennypacker....Boyertown, PA....Syracuse
Korey Stringer....Warren, OH....Ohio State
Cliff Stroud....Natrona Heights, PA....Notre Dame
Larry Townsend....San Jose, CA....Nebraska
Joe Wells....Arroyo Grande, CA....Washington
Cedric White....Los Angeles, CA....Washington

LINEBACKERS / DEFENSIVE ENDS

James Bates....Sevierville, TN....Florida
John Browning....Miami, FL....West Virginia
Derek Burnette....Columbus, GA....Clemson
Shawn Collins....Patterson, NJ....Michigan
Henri Crockett....Pompano Beach, FL....Florida State
Dexter Daniels....Valdosta, GA....Florida
Cameron Davis....Fort Lauderdale, FL....Florida
Chris Franklin....Bamberg, SC....Clemson
Scott Freeney....Athens, GA....Syracuse
James Gillyard....Shreveport, LA....LSU
Randall Godfrey....Valdosta, GA....Georgia
Greg Jones....Denver, CO....Colorado
Alton Maiden....Dallas, TX....Notre Dame
Jon McGee....Tucson, AZ....Southern Cal
Ed Morrow....Florissant, MO....Nebraska
Antonio Ragland....Detroit, MI....junior college
Bernard Randolph....Pendleton, SC....Clemson
Matt Russell....Belleville, IL....Colorado

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Eric Abrams....La Jolla, CA....Stanford
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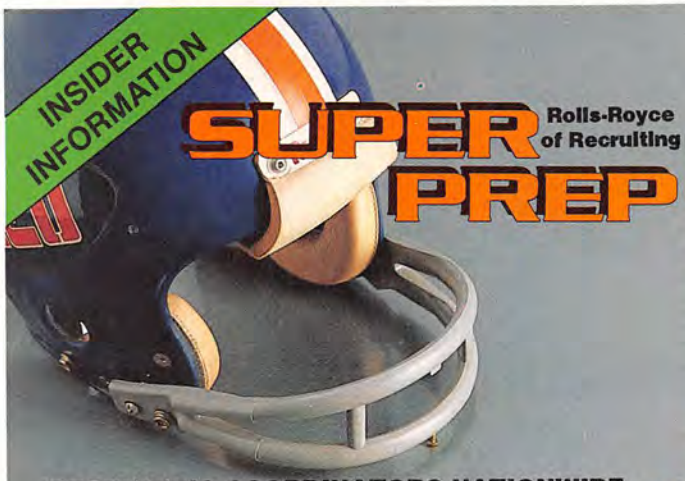

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The following are several of the notable High School All-Americas of the past 10 years who have gained additional honors after first earning national recognition in these pages:

- Quarterback Ty Detmer of San Antonio, TX, who was the 1990 Heisman Trophy winner for Brigham Young University
- Quarterback Tony Rice of Woodruff, SC, who led the University of Notre Dame to the national title in 1988
- Quarterback Darian Hagan of Los Angeles, CA, who led the University of Colorado to a share of the 1990 national championship
- Running backs Emmitt Smith of Pensacola, FL, and Leonard Russell of Long Beach, CA, plus tight end Keith Jackson of Little Rock, AR, and defensive back Mark Carrier of Long Beach, CA, who earned NFL Rookie of the Year honors with, respectively, the Dallas Cowboys, New England Patriots, Philadelphia Eagles, and Chicago Bears
- Place-kicker Philip Doyle of Birmingham, AL, who led the NCAA in field-goal kicking in 1990 for the University of Alabama
- Quarterback Jeff George of Indianapolis, IN, who was the No. 1 pick in the 1990 NFL draft, by the Indianapolis Colts

Other NFL first-round selections have included the following Street & Smith's High School All-Americas:

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	year	home town	current team
QUARTERBACKS			
Matt Blundin	1986	Folsom, PA	Kansas City Chiefs
Ty Detmer	1986	San Antonio, TX	Green Bay Packers
Jeff George	1985	Indianapolis, IN	Indianapolis Colts
Cale Gundy	1989	Midwest City, OK	Oklahoma
Eric Kumerow	1982	Oak Park, IL	Chicago Bears
Todd Marinovich	1987	Mission Viejo, CA	Oakland Raiders
Dan McGwire	1985	Claremont, CA	Seattle Seahawks
Rodney Peete	1983	Shawnee Mission, KS	Detroit Lions
RUNNING BACKS			
Rick Fenney	1982	Snohomish, WA	Minnesota Vikings
Craig Heyward	1983	Passaic, NJ	New Orleans Saints
Terry Kirby	1988	Tabb, VA	Virginia
Darren Lewis	1986	Dallas, TX	Chicago Bears
Ricky Powers	1989	Akron, OH	Michigan
Leonard Russell	1986	Long Beach, CA	New England Patriots
Emmitt Smith	1986	Pensacola, FL	Dallas Cowboys
Robert Smith	1989	Euclid, OH	Ohio State
Sammy Smith	1984	Apopka, FL	Miami Dolphins
Carlos Snow	1986	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio State
Thurman Thomas	1983	Sugar Land, TX	Buffalo Bills
Chuck Webb	1987	Toledo, OH	Green Bay Packers
Russell White	1988	Encino, CA	California
Harvey Williams	1985	Hempstead, TX	Kansas City Chiefs
UTILITY PLAYERS			
Darian Hagan	1987	Los Angeles, CA	San Francisco 49ers
Tony Stewart	1985	Union, NJ	Seattle Seahawks
WIDE RECEIVERS			
Cris Carter	1983	Middletown, OH	Minnesota Vikings
Hart Lee Dykes	1984	Bay City, TX	New England Patriots
Carl Pickens	1987	Murphy, NC	Cincinnati Bengals
TIGHT ENDS			
Derek Brown	1987	Merritt Island, FL	New York Giants
Keith Jackson	1983	Little Rock, AR	Philadelphia Eagles
Ed McCaffrey	1985	Allentown, PA	New York Giants
KICKER			
Philip Doyle	1986	Birmingham, AL	Birmingham (WLAF)
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN			
Sean Gilbert	1988	Aliquippa, PA	Los Angeles Rams
Ed King	1987	Phenix City, AL	Cleveland Browns
Greg Skrepenak	1986	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Los Angeles Raiders
Mark Stepnoski	1984	Erie, PA	Dallas Cowboys
Bob Whitfield	1988	Wilmington, CA	Atlanta Falcons
Jeff Zimmerman	1982	Orlando, FL	Dallas Cowboys
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN			
Jerome Brown	1982	Brooksville, FL	Philadelphia Eagles
Chester McGlockton	1987	Whiteville, NC	Los Angeles Raiders
David Rocker	1986	Atlanta, GA	Houston Oilers
Alonzo Spellman	1988	Mount Holly, NJ	Chicago Bears
Ron Stallworth	1983	Pensacola, FL	New York Jets
LINEBACKERS			
Marvin Jones	1991	Miami, FL	Florida State
Chris Spielman	1983	Massillon, OH	Detroit Lions
Mike Stonebreaker	1985	River Ridge, LA	Chicago Bears
Keith Traylor	1986	Malvern, AR	Denver Broncos
DEFENSIVE BACKS			
Mark Carrier	1985	Long Beach, CA	Chicago Bears
Courtney Hawkins	1987	Flint, MI	Tampa Bay Bucs
Tim McDonald	1982	Fresno, CA	Phoenix Cardinals
Andre Rison	1984	Flint, MI	Atlanta Falcons

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midwest

by ED SHERMAN CHICAGO TRIBUNE

For Big Ten schools, the reprieve lasts one more year. This season will mark the last one conference opponents won't have to worry about Penn State. One more year without making a trip to State College, PA, and one more year without having to worry about an invasion of Nittany Lions. The Big Ten better enjoy it this year, because in 1993 Penn State begins conference play. When asked to assess Penn State's impact on football when the merger was announced in 1991, former Minnesota athletic director Rick Bay said,

Brian Masck/Allsport USA

Rick Mirer & Jerome Bettis *Notre Dame*

"Let's put it this way. This year we finished fifth. With Penn State, we finish sixth."

The conference obviously never will be the same once Penn State joins. Changes, though, already are afoot. This year, the Big Ten welcomes three new coaches, which represents the biggest turnover in years. John Mackovic is out at Illinois and Lou Tepper is in; John Gutekunst is out at Minnesota and Jim Wacker is in; and Francis Peay is out at Northwestern and Gary Barnett is in. Mackovic left of his own choice, opting for the job at Texas. Gutekunst and Peay were fired.

Still, despite all the change, it should be business as usual in the Big Ten in 1992. And that means Michigan landing at the top of the conference standings. The Wolverines were barely tested in running away with the league title last year. More of the same is expected this fall. Michigan may have lost Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard, but it has a slew of talent coming back, led by quarterback Elvis Grbac.

Iowa and Ohio State loom as the only realistic challengers. A loss to Michigan kept the Hawkeyes from the Rose Bowl last year. They lost quarterback Matt Rodgers, but his backup, Jim Hartlieb, had a hand in a couple of victories. At Columbus, coach John Cooper is back, and so is running back Robert Smith. The controversy seems to be over for the Buckeyes, who have a strong defense. If a quarterback steps up, they could be a factor.

Michigan State also is hoping for a return to normalcy after a disastrous 3-8 season. With running back Tico Duckett and a more experienced team for '92, the Spartans should return to the Big Ten's first division. Illinois has a new coach, but the old quarterback returns. Jason Verduzco is dangerous, and should lead the Illini to another bowl appearance.

Tico Duckett *Michigan State*

Rick Stewart/Allsport USA

1992 all-midwest team

offense

Quarterback. . Rick Mirer. . SR. . Notre Dame
Running back. . Jerome Bettis. . JR. . Notre Dame
Running back. . Ricky Powers. . JR. . Michigan
Running back. . Tico Duckett. . SR. . Michigan State
Wide receiver. . Danan Hughes. . SR. . Iowa
Wide receiver. . Lake Dawson. . JR. . Notre Dame
Tight end. . Irv Smith. . SR. . Notre Dame
Line. . Alan Kline. . JR. . Ohio State
Line. . Steve Everitt. . SR. . Michigan
Line. . Mike Devlin. . SR. . Iowa
Line. . Justin Hall. . SR. . Notre Dame
Line. . Tony Heaton. . SR. . Michigan State
Place-kicker. . Chris Richardson. . SO. . Illinois

defense

Line. . Chris Hutchinson. . SR. . Michigan
Line. . Jeff Zgonia. . SR. . Purdue
Line. . Mike Thompson. . SO. . Wisconsin
Line. . Bryant Young. . JR. . Notre Dame
Linebacker. . Demetrius DuBose. . SR. . Notre Dame
Linebacker. . Steve Tovar. . SR. . Ohio State
Linebacker. . Jason Simmons. . SR. . Ohio State
Linebacker. . Dana Howard. . SO. . Illinois
Back. . Jeff Burris. . JR. . Notre Dame
Back. . Jimmy Young. . JR. . Purdue
Back. . Tom Carter. . JR. . Notre Dame
Back. . Roger Harper. . JR. . Ohio State
Punter. . Craig Hentrich. . SR. . Notre Dame

Indiana has to figure out a way to replace All-America running back Vaughn Dunbar. Hoosier coach Bill Mallory might choose to put the ball in the air more with quarterback Trent Green. Wisconsin continues to improve under coach Barry Alvarez. The Badgers are strong on defense. If the offense develops, things could be interesting in Madison.

After a rocky year in 1991, Purdue is hoping that quarterback Eric Hunter returns to form. Meanwhile, Minnesota and Northwestern will try to rebuild with new coaches. They each have head men with good track records. Wacker had a successful program at Texas Christian, while Barnett was a key member of coach Bill McCartney's staff at Colorado.

On the independent side, Notre Dame is gearing up for another run at the national title. The Irish believe they have a bona fide shot after quarterback Rick Mirer decided to come back for his senior year. He will be a prime Heisman Trophy candidate, along with fullback Jerome Bettis. Few offenses will be able to match that 1-2 punch. If the Irish can develop that kind of power on defense, coach Lou Holtz might have his second No. 1 ring.

As for other independents, Cincinnati made great strides in 1991 after some down times. Getting over the .500 mark is the next goal. Northern Illinois will be hard pressed to improve on last year's 2-9 mark. The Huskies, though, are bringing in 10 junior college transfers who could have an impact.

Youngstown State is basking in the glory of winning last year's Division I-AA title. But after losing 16 starters, a repeat seems unlikely. Still, expect the Penguins to be strong.

Elvis Grbac *Michigan*

Bob Rosato

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west by DWIGHT CHAPIN SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

Have whistle and chalkboard, will travel. Bay Area coaches were on the move in early 1992. In just a three-week period in January, three of them left for professional jobs, one took a different college head job, and one head coach became a college assistant.

Stanford, California, and San Jose State all changed head coaches despite winning seasons, an unprecedented development in the region. The revolving door began spinning on January 4, when Bruce Snyder departed California for Arizona State, apparently lured by a much heftier contract and more favorable, long-range working conditions. It ended on January 24, when Chuck Shelton moved laterally, like Snyder, from one Big West team, Utah State, to another, Pacific.

In between, there was a mini-earthquake in a part of the country well known for big shakers. On January 10, San Francisco 49ers assistant Mike Holmgren and Stanford head coach Denny Green were hired to head pro teams—Holmgren the Green Bay Packers, Green the Minnesota Vikings. Holmgren took two other 49er assistants, Ray Rhodes and Sherman Lewis, with him. On January 13, Pacific head coach Walt Harris announced that he was leaving to become quarterback coach of the New York Jets. On January 14, Cal introduced its new head coach, Keith Gilbertson, who had been offensive coordinator for the Washington team that shared the 1991 national championship with Miami.

Aggie Skirball

Billy Joe Hobert *Washington*

Gilbertson was on page 1 of all the Bay Area newspapers' sports sections—for 24 hours. Then, just like that, Stanford stole all the thunder, hiring Bill Walsh—of all people—to replace Green, who was once a Walsh assistant with the 49ers. In northern California, at least, Walsh is regarded by many football followers as a genius. His January 16 press conference at Stanford was more befitting royalty than football. As one writer noted, "The only thing missing were damsels in white gowns tossing rose petals at his feet."

Nothing could top the Walsh introduction for drama, pomp, and circumstance, but the beat went on. Walsh's hiring created an opening at San Jose State, because Walsh wanted Spartan head Terry Shea as his offensive coordinator (and likely successor). Shea quit San Jose State the morning of January 16 and was on the dais with Walsh at the Stanford press session that afternoon.

San Jose State now had a vacancy, and it filled it quickly with Ron Turner, who had been offensive coordinator under Green at Stanford, and thought he might succeed him. Willie Shaw, another top Stanford assistant who also thought he might take over for Green, instead was told by Walsh that he wasn't being retained at all. But Shaw landed on his feet, with Green, in Minnesota.

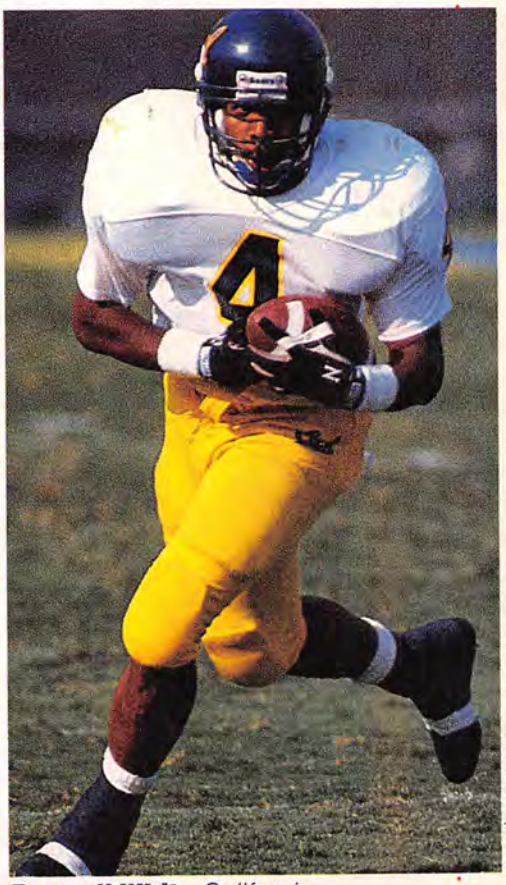
That left the Pacific job, which was taken by Shelton, perhaps was the most logical of any of the choices, since he had never lost to the Tigers in his six seasons at Utah State.

Even the men involved had trouble following all of this motion and commotion. "It was crazy. It was wild," said Turner. He will earn more than Shea did at San Jose State, but Shea will earn more than Turner did at Stanford. There's something fitting in that.

What will all this shuffling mean? For the Bay Area's Pac-10 schools, it appears to be a trade of strength for strength. Snyder and Green are excellent coaches.

Gilbertson's profile is much lower than that of Walsh, a certain Hall of Famer after leading the 49ers to three Super Bowl victories in the 1980s. But Gilbertson may soon cast his own long shadow. His players at Washington loved him. "He's my favorite coach of all time," said Mario Bailey, the Huskies' All-America wide receiver, "and there's a lot of players who feel like that. When you have coaching changes, you get scared, but I'm here to let Cal know that this is probably the best coach they're ever going to have. They should be hopeful he stays for a long, long time."

Gilbertson's challenge at Cal still is to get people to know who he is, however. Walsh, conversely, is charged with proving whether he still has the touch he displayed when he coached Stanford to two bowl games in the late 1970s before beginning his 49er odyssey. He has, after all, been considered NBC-TV's top pro football analyst for the last three years.



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Russell White *California*

Both Gilbertson and Walsh, along with Snyder and six other Pac-10 coaches, are likely to be chasing Washington for at least one more season. The Huskies don't look quite as potent overall as they did in 1991, but they still figure to be the class of the conference and among the best in the nation. UCLA needs to develop a quarterback, but seemingly has just about everything else to test the Huskies, and Stanford and Cal both have the talent to be back in bowls again. Southern California, coming off a dreadful season, and maybe Arizona State, under the charismatic Snyder, look like the wild cards.

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1992 all-west team

offense

Quarterback . . Drew Bledsoe . . JR . . Washington State
Running back . . Glyn Milburn . . SR . . Stanford
Running back . . Russell White . . SR . . California
Running back . . Ryan Benjamin . . SR . . Pacific
Wide receiver . . Sean LaChapelle . . SR . . UCLA
Wide receiver . . Eric Guliford . . SR . . Arizona State
Tight end . . Clarence Williams . . SR . . Washington State
Tackle . . Lincoln Kennedy . . SR . . Washington
Tackle . . Tony Boselli . . SO . . Southern Cal
Guard . . Brian Cassidy . . SR . . Stanford
Guard . . Fletcher Keister . . SR . . Oregon State
Center . . Warren Bowers . . SR . . Utah State
Place-kicker . . Doug Brien . . JR . . California

defense

Line . . Mack Travis . . SR . . California
Line . . Mike Chalenski . . SR . . UCLA
Line . . David Webb . . SR . . Southern Cal
Linebacker . . Ron George . . SR . . Stanford
Linebacker . . Dave Hoffman . . SR . . Washington
Linebacker . . Arnold Ale . . SR . . UCLA
Linebacker . . Brett Wallerstedt . . SR . . Arizona State
Back . . Walter Bailey . . SR . . Washington
Back . . Carlton Gray . . SR . . UCLA
Back . . Eric Castle . . SR . . Oregon
Back . . Anthony Washington . . SR . . San Jose State
Punter . . Tommy Thompson . . JR . . Oregon

rockies

by LEE BENSON *SALT LAKE CITY DESERET NEWS*

After all the years of running-back oppression in the Western Athletic Conference, after season after season when the only good running back was one who could throw a decent block, along comes Marshall Faulk—from New Orleans, of all places—to prove that there is room enough in the West for all that passing and for him, too.

Faulk comes into his sophomore year at San Diego State on the heels of a freshman season that saw him gain 1,429 yards and score 21 touchdowns—all on the ground. In one game alone, against Pacific, he gained 386 yards (at the time a single-game NCAA record), and at that, he didn't start the game. For the season, he averaged 7.1 yards every time he took a handoff. And he played in just 10 of the Aztecs' 13 games because of a three-week layoff caused by a collapsed lung and fractured ribs. The injuries were administered by the New Mexico defense after Faulk gained a quick 153 yards in 14 carries against it—and he was just getting started.

The WAC, a league that produces running backs the way the Caribbean produces downhill skiers, couldn't have been more surprised. Quarterbacks have always been king in the WAC. Running backs have traditionally been decoy. In one fell swoop, Faulk, who turned down scholarship offers from Nebraska and Miami because they wanted to turn him into a defensive back, set 14 NCAA records and another six conference marks and led the country in both scoring and rushing at 15.56 points and 158.8 yards per game. Not since Red Grange has there been such a debut. And not since Red Grange has a sophomore season been more eagerly anticipated.

The second coming of Marshall Faulk will get started in fast enough company. For openers, the Aztecs and Faulk will begin the season at home September 5 in Jack Murphy Stadium against Southern Cal. Then they'll travel to Provo, Utah to face defending WAC champion Brigham Young. And after that they'll play UCLA in the Rose Bowl. Couple that start with a season-ending game against defending national champion Miami on November 28 in San Diego and the table is set for a run that could either wind Faulk up in Heisman Trophy headquarters in New York, or have him wondering why he had to draw so much attention to himself as a freshman.

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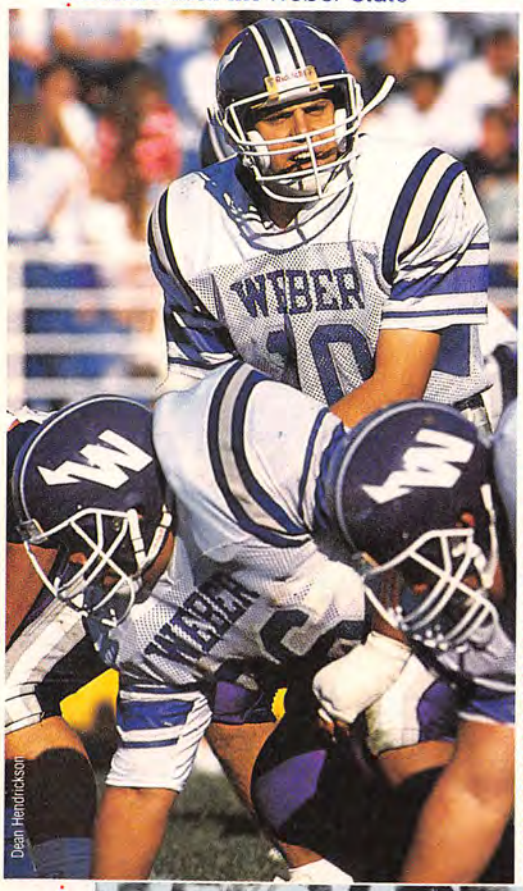
Jamie Martin *Weber State*



Dean Hendrickson

Carlton McDonald *Air Force*

Damon Pieri *San Diego State*

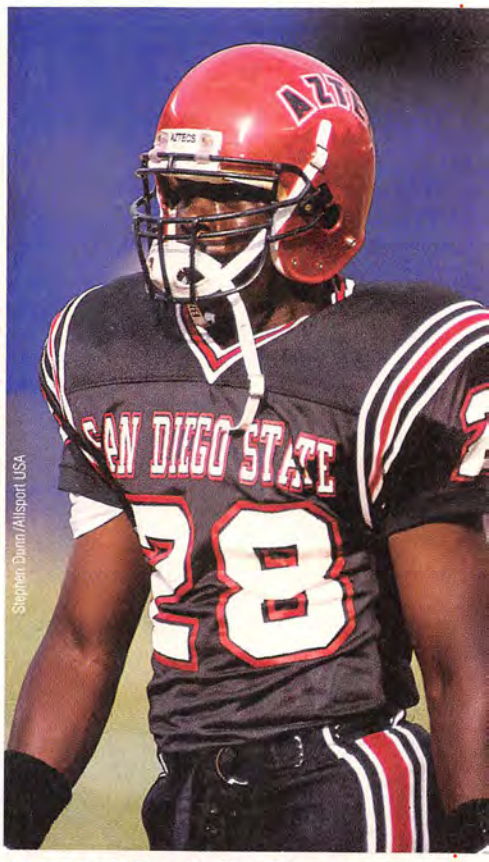
1992 all-rockies team

offense

Quarterback. . Jamie Martin. . SR. . Weber State
Running back. .Marshall Faulk. . SO. . San Diego State
Running back. . Lorenzo Neal. . SR. . Fresno State
Wide receiver. . Carl Winston. . JR. . New Mexico
Wide receiver. . Bryan Rowley. . SR. . Utah
Wide receiver. . Greg Primus. . SR. . Colorado State
Tight end. . Byron Rex. . SR. . Brigham Young
Line. . Jody Schnug. . JR. . Idaho
Line. . Mike DeHoog. . SR. . Utah
Line. . Tony Nichols. . SR. . San Diego State
Line. . Jesse Hardwick. . SR. . Fresno State
Line. . Jason Basso. . SR. . Colorado State
Place-kicker. . Jason Elam. . SR. . Hawaii
Kick-returner. . Kerry Lawyer. . SR. . Boise State

defense

Line. . Randy Brock. . SO. . Brigham Young
Line. . Zack Rix. . SR. . Fresno State
Line. . Dave Chaytors. . SR. . Utah
Line. . Ricky Massey. . SR. . UTEP
Linebacker. . Chad Lembke. . JR. . Montana
Linebacker. . Vergil Simpson. . SR. . Air Force
Linebacker. . Barron Wortham. . JR. . UTEP
Back. . Carlton McDonald. . SR. . Air Force
Back. . Paul Wallace. . SR. . Wyoming
Back. . Derwin Gray. . SR. . Brigham Young
Back. . Damon Pieri. . SR. . San Diego State
Punter. . Tom Sugg. . . . Idaho



Stephen Dunn/Allsport USA

Marshall Faulk *San Diego State*

southwest

by IVY McLEMORE *HOUSTON POST*

Scarred by the many recruiting scandals which plagued them in the 1980s and jarred by the defection of Arkansas to greener pastures, Southwest Conference teams find themselves battling for respectability, if not survival. Truth has become stranger than fiction in a conference in which Texas's newest head coach has said he will emphasize the forward pass, Texas A&M is predicted to successfully defend its title with a freshman quarterback, and Rice may earn its first winning season in 29 years. As if that weren't enough to shake the most loyal SWC observers, Grant Teaff has declared the 1992 season will be his last as Baylor's head coach after 21 years.

New wrinkles have been inevitable in a conference which was known a year ago for its steadfast resistance to change, and the biggest changes may be yet to come. The upcoming season should go a long way toward dictating whether Texas and Texas A&M decide to pledge their allegiance elsewhere, a possibility first raised almost two years ago.

If the SWC, indeed, is on the brink of a major shakeup, it will come at a time when most teams change coaches faster than cheerleaders and decreasing attendance figures have become an increasing concern. Spike Dykes is preparing to begin his sixth season at Texas Tech, giving him tenure among his SWC contemporaries. Such previous mainstays as Darrell Royal of Texas, Frank Broyles of Arkansas, and Bill Yeoman of Houston have disappeared and, regrettably, so have some of the SWC's sweetest memories.

Joe Patronite/Allsport USA

Lance Gunn *Texas*

Texas A&M will be the first team to try to silence critics who believe the SWC has become a Mickey Mouse operation when the Aggies meet Stanford in the Disneyland Classic in late August. A victory over Bill Walsh's team and a nonconference victory at Louisiana State two weeks later could serve as the springboard the Aggies need to contend for the national title, provided they don't stumble to SWC foes along the way. Nine returning starters on offense and a superb defense led by end Sam Adams and free safety Patrick Bates should keep A&M near the top of the national polls from start to finish.

Many of the SWC's remaining seven teams likely will be preening for potential bowl bids. Texas hopes to regain its national prominence under new head coach John Mackovic, whose preoccupation with the pass represents a complete change in direction from the days the Longhorns competed for national titles with Royal's legendary wishbone attack. Whether Texas celebrates its football centennial with a winning record, let alone a bowl invitation, remains to be seen.

Teaff's decision to leave the sideline at season's end and concentrate on his new duties as Baylor's athletic director should bring out the best in the Bears. Texas Tech, still searching for its first Cotton Bowl appearance since joining the SWC in 1960, hopes to make history with an offense that should continue to give opponents fits. Houston also could enter the bowl picture if it can regain consistency on offense and patch a tattered defense.

Robert Hall *Texas Tech*

Joe Patronite/Allsport USA

1992 all-southwest team

offense

Quarterback. . Robert Hall. . JR. . Texas Tech
Running back. . Robert Strait. . JR. . Baylor
Running back. . Trevor Cobb. . SR. . Rice
Wide receiver. . Freddie Gilbert. . SR. . Houston
Wide receiver. . Tony Harrison. . JR. . Texas A&M
Tight end. . Mike McKenzie. . JR. . Baylor
Center. . Turk McDonald. . SR. . Texas
Tackle. . Dexter Wesley. . JR. . Texas A&M
Tackle. . Billy Baldwin. . SR. . Rice
Guard. . John Ellisor. . SR. . Texas A&M
Guard. . Jason Youngblood. . SR. . Houston
Kicker. . Terry Venetoulias. . JR. . Texas A&M

defense

Line. . Matt Sign. . SR. . Rice
Line. . Tunji Bolden. . SR. . TCU
Line. . Sam Adams. . SO. . Texas A&M
Line. . Lance Teichelman. . JR. . Texas A&M
Linebacker. . Le'Shai Maston. . SR. . Baylor
Linebacker. . Marcus Buckley. . SR. . Texas A&M
Linebacker. . Anthony Curl. . SR. . Texas
Back. . Grady Cavness. . SR. . Texas
Back. . Patrick Bates. . JR. . Texas A&M
Back. . Anthony Hickman. . SR. . TCU
Back. . Tracy Saul. . SR. . Texas Tech
Punter. . Darrell Richardson. . SO. . Rice

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Trevor Cobb *Rice*

Few teams can match the optimism found at Rice, which hopes to put together its first winning season since the Beatles first appeared on the *Ed Sullivan Show*. Such a feat will depend largely on the success of Heisman Trophy candidate Trevor Cobb, who can become the SWC's all-time rushing leader.

First-year TCU coach Pat Sullivan knows all about the Heisman Trophy, having won college football's most prestigious individual award while at Auburn in 1971. Directing the Horned Frogs to a bowl game would be as impressive an accomplishment. Southern Methodist has more humble objectives, that of winning its first conference game since the Mustangs were given the NCAA's "death penalty" for rules violations five years ago.

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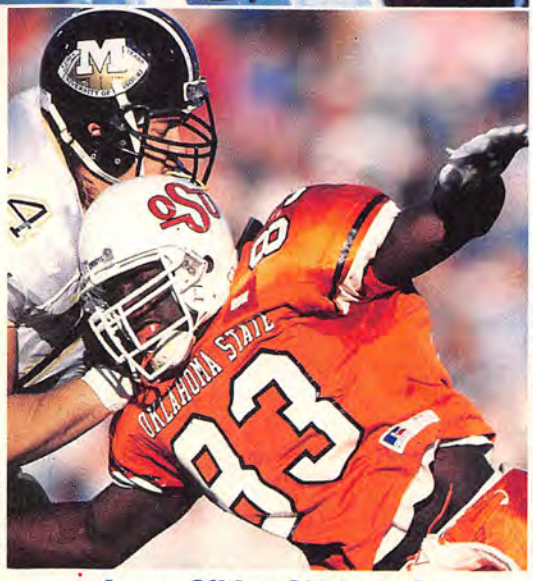
big 8 by BILL CONNORS TULSA WORLD

Can Nebraska coach Tom Osborne transform another obscure fifth-year senior into a championship quarterback? How long will it take Colorado's talented team to master a new offense?

These are the burning questions that will probably determine the Big Eight race. Although Colorado and Nebraska are not equipped to contend for the national championship, they clearly are the most qualified to compete for the conference title they shared last year when they played to a tie in their showdown at Boulder. They appear as evenly matched this year. Because Colorado's new quarterbacks have better credentials and its defense has more stars, there is a tendency to favor the Buffs.

Cale Gundy *Oklahoma*

James D. Smith



John Williamson

Jason Gildon *Oklahoma State*

But Osborne's record for taking quarterbacks who have been forgotten and turning them into no-frill technicians who exploit their strengths and camouflage their weaknesses makes one lean to Nebraska. Osborne did it with Keithen McCant last year. He did it with Gerry Gdowski in 1989 (although Colorado won the championship). McCant and Gdowski, unheralded as they come in big-time programs, were smart and learned the system while waiting their turns. They made all the plays their ability allowed and didn't make bad plays once they got an opportunity.

Mike Grant is a different kind of challenge for Osborne. Grant was heralded. He had his chance and failed. He became a starter in 1990 but played so badly late in the season that he faded into limbo and was redshirted in 1991. But he is Nebraska's only quarterback with experience and Osborne is committed to him. Grant's main advantage, though, is having the two best running backs on any college team to keep the pressure off him. Speedy, alternating tailbacks Derek Brown and Calvin Jones did that for McCant last year while combining to rush for 2,213 yards and score 170 points. One other advantage for Grant is an inviting nonconference start, which will help him gain seasoning and confidence.

Derek Brown *Nebraska*

John Williamson

1992 all-big-8 team

offense

Quarterback. . Cale Gundy. . JR. . Oklahoma
Running back. . Derek Brown. . JR. . Nebraska
Running back. . Calvin Jones. . SO. . Nebraska
Running back. . Lamont Warren. . SO. . Colorado
Wide receiver. . Bert Milliner. . SR. . Oklahoma State
Wide receiver. . Victor Bailey. . SR. . Missouri
Tight end. . Joey Mickey. . SR. . Oklahoma
Tackle. . Keith Loneker. . SR. . Kansas
Tackle. . Jim Hansen. . SR. . Colorado
Guard. . Jeff Resler. . SO. . Oklahoma
Guard. . Will Shields. . JR. . Nebraska
Center. . Quentin Neujahr. . JR. . Kansas State
Place-kicker. . Dan Eichloff. . JR. . Kansas

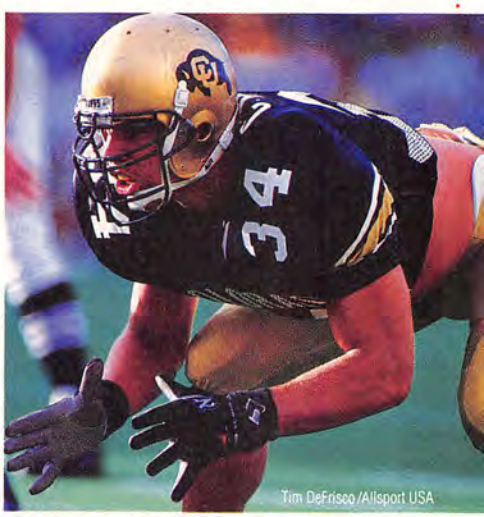
defense

End. . Reggie Barnes. . SR. . Oklahoma
End. . Jason Gildon. . JR. . Oklahoma State
Line. . Dana Stubblefield. . SR. . Kansas
Line. . Leonard Renfro. . JR. . Colorado
Linebacker. . Chad Brown. . SR. . Colorado
Linebacker. . Greg Biekert. . SR. . Colorado
Linebacker. . Brooks Barta. . SR. . Kansas State
Linebacker. . Travis Hill. . SR. . Nebraska
Back. . Jamie Mendez. . JR. . Kansas State
Back. . Darnell Walker. . SR. . Oklahoma
Back. . Steve Carmer. . SR. . Nebraska
Punter. . Mike Stigge. . SR. . Nebraska

Colorado cannot match Nebraska in running backs, but coach Bill McCartney can pick from two gifted quarterbacks, Vance Joseph and Kordell Stewart, to direct the one-back offense he adopted after deciding the Buffs' option running precluded desirable passing results. Colorado also has three of the Big Eight's best defenders in tackle Leonard Renfro and linebackers Chad Brown and Greg Biekert.

But Colorado is bucking tradition by embracing the pass. Running teams win in the Big Eight. McCartney saved his job in 1985 by junking a passing offense in favor of the wishbone. Passing teams traditionally fail in a league where wind is a factor in October and where November can be fierce at Boulder, iced and snowed in for last year's showdown, and at Lincoln, where the Orange Bowl ticket will probably be on the line when the favorites clash on October 31.

If Nebraska and Colorado stumble, it will probably be because Oklahoma avoids injuries. The Sooners' starting lineup is competitive. Cale Gundy is the league's best quarterback and outside linebacker Reggie Barnes is one of the better defenders. But the Sooners are frightfully thin and perhaps short of confidence. They have not won the championship since 1987. Last year, when they were favored, they looked as though they had forgotten how to win a big game.



Tim DeFrisco/Allsport USA

Chad Brown *Colorado*

While Nebraska, Colorado, and Oklahoma look weaker than a year ago, the other five teams appear improved. Kansas and Kansas State will fight it out for fourth place. Missouri will change its defense, Iowa State its offense. Oklahoma State should change its winless record but finish last again.

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atlantic coast

by BOB SPEAR *THE (COLUMBIA) STATE*

Florida State competes for the Atlantic Coast Conference football championship for the first time this fall, and the Seminoles' presence is a giant step toward erasing the league's basketball-only reputation. But if the Seminoles expect a free ride to the top, they're in for a rude awakening. Clemson, for one, will not concede easily or willingly.

The Tigers, after all, have been the first name in ACC football for over a decade, and their credentials are almost equal to Florida State's. In some cases, like national football championships, Clemson's record is superior. The Tigers have the third-best winning percentage in college football over the last five years, trailing Florida State and Miami. A bowl is annually penciled in on Clemson's schedule, and the Tigers are a regular contributor to the National Football League.

Robert O'Neal *Clemson*

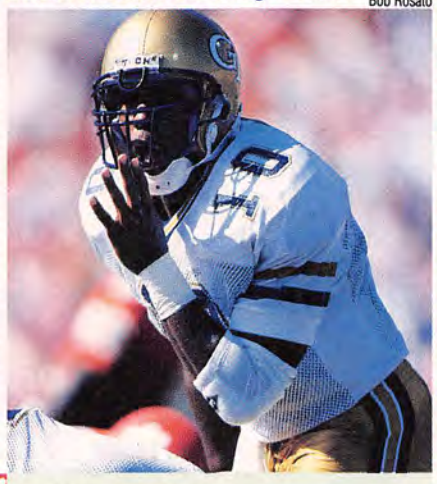
Bob Rosato

Most significant are their recent head-to-head duels. Florida State used a fake punt to set up the winning field goal in a 24-21 victory at Clemson in 1988. A year later, Clemson turned the FSU every way but loose and raced to a 34-23 triumph in Tallahassee.

O.K., then, they're close, and Clemson coach Ken Hatfield says, "I don't believe anyone is ready to concede the title to them." The Seminoles competed in basketball and baseball during the last school year, and those results suggest Hatfield is right, and the unexpected might be expected. The Florida State basketball team upset a few coffee cups along Tobacco Road, beating North Carolina in both regular-season meetings and finishing second to Duke in the conference race. The Seminoles' always potent baseball team, generally conceded the regular-season title, went to Clemson and lost three games by a combined score of 36-4.

Shawn Jones *Georgia Tech*

Bob Rosato



Natrone Means *North Carolina*

1992 all-atlantic team

offense

Quarterback. . Shawn Jones. . SR. . Georgia Tech
Running back. . Terry Kirby. . SR. . Virginia
Running back. . Natrone Means. . JR. . North Carolina
Wide receiver. . Terry Smith. . JR. . Clemson
Wide receiver. . Frank Wycheck. . JR. . Maryland
Tight end. . John Henry Mills. . SR. . Wake Forest
Line. . Tom Scott. . SR. . East Carolina
Line. . Robert Stevenson. . SR. . Florida State
Line. . Stacy Seegars. . JR. . Clemson
Line. . Robbie Baker. . SR. . Florida State
Line. . Randall Parsons. . SR. . North Carolina
Place-kicker. . Nelson Welch. . SO. . Clemson

defense

Line. . Coleman Rudolph. . SR. . Georgia Tech
Line. . Carl Simpson. . SR. . Florida State
Line. . Chris Slade. . SR. . Virginia
Line. . Brenston Buckner. . JR. . Clemson
Linebacker. . Wayne Simmons. . SR. . Clemson
Linebacker. . Mike Jarmolowich. . SR. . Maryland
Linebacker. . Tommy Thigpen. . SR. . North Carolina
Linebacker. . Marvin Jones. . JR. . Florida State
Back. . Robert O'Neal. . SR. . Clemson
Back. . Sebastian Savage. . SR. . North Carolina State
Back. . Greg Grandison. . SR. . East Carolina
Back. . John Davis. . SR. . Florida State
Punter. . Jason Bedner. . Georgia Tech

No matter which team carries the role of favorite, the Seminoles certainly increase the ACC's credibility. Only the real fan realizes:

- This "basketball-only" league has sent nine teams (not counting Florida State) to bowls over the last two seasons
- Georgia Tech shared the national football championship two years ago
- Clemson won the national title in 1981
- Virginia has developed a national-caliber program

Marvin Jones *Florida State*

Robert Tringali

The league that generally featured a ho-hum football race is suddenly flexing its muscles. This year, even with Florida State in the fraternity, only Wake Forest, Duke, and Maryland can be dismissed in the preseason championship evaluations. All the others have enough assets to spring a surprise.

In the end, though, the race likely will be between Florida State and Clemson. Unfortunately, they settle their king-of-the-hill squabble too early to create any mystery: September 12 at Clemson. The date favors FSU, for the Tigers are notoriously slow starters.

No matter what, this basketball-only league is no soft touch at this other game.

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deep south

by LARRY WOODY THE TENNESSEAN

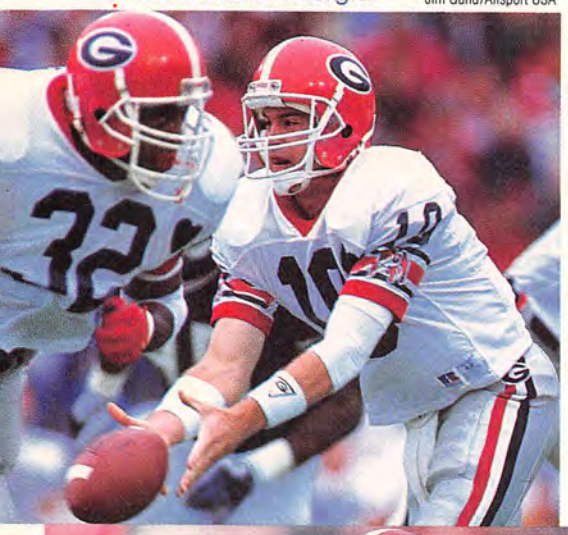
The Southeastern Conference's two new fraternity members, Arkansas and South Carolina, will undergo their football christenings this season, taking their places in the respective West and East Divisions. The champions of each division will meet on December 5 in Birmingham in the league's first-ever playoff to decide the SEC's Sugar Bowl representative. At least two or three teams in each division could entertain serious thoughts about making the pilgrimage to Birmingham in quest of the title. In the East, defending conference champ Florida will be tough to displace, while in the West, Alabama appears in position to continue the dramatic strides the Crimson Tide made last year.

Florida, which went 10-2 last year and won the SEC title with a flawless 7-0 record, returns dazzling quarterback Shane Matthews and SEC rushing leader Errict Rhett. The Gators also get back seven defensive starters from the unit that ranked second in the league and 20th nationally. Matthews, a two-time SEC Player of the Year, has thrown for 6,082 career yards and 51 touchdowns in just two seasons. Pass-happy coach Steve Spurrier is looking for Matthews' final season to be a bumper one. Rhett, as a sophomore last season, exploded for a league-leading 1,109 yards and also caught 40 passes.

Georgia, which came on strong last season as a pack of young Bulldogs began to mature, is expected to be in the thick of the fight this fall. Georgia returns 13 starters from last year's 9-3 team, including elusive runner Garrison Hearst, who has compiled 1,685 yards in just 13 games as a starter, and sophomore quarterback Eric Zeier.

Tennessee, hard hit by graduation, could make more Big Orange waves if the Vols are able to fill some major holes on defense. Offensively, UT has some of the league's top talent, but must find a quarterback to take over for Andy Kelly.

Eric Zeier *Georgia* Jim Gund/Allsport USA



John Copeland *Alabama* Bob Rosato

Stan White *Auburn* Jim Gund/Allsport USA

1992 all-deep south team

offense

Quarterback. . Shane Matthews. . SR. . Florida
Running back. . Garrison Hearst. . JR. . Georgia
Running back. . Errict Rhett. . JR. . Florida
Running back. . Ralph Dawkins. . JR. . Louisville
Wide receiver. . David Palmer. . SO. . Alabama
Wide receiver. . Andre Hastings. . JR. . Georgia
Wide receiver. . Wilbert Ursin. . JR. . Tulane
Tight end. . Marcus Pope. . SR. . Southern Miss
Line. . Ernest Dye. . SR. . South Carolina
Line. . Everett Lindsay. . SR. . Mississippi
Line. . Kevin Mawae. . JR. . LSU
Line. . Jeff King. . JR. . Memphis State
Line. . Ray Straschinske. . JR. . Arkansas
Place-kicker. . Pedro Suarez. . SR. . LSU

defense

Line. . John Copeland. . SR. . Alabama
Line. . James Atkins. . SR. . Southwestern Louisiana
Line. . Chris Hobbs. . SR. . Memphis State
Line. . Eric Curry. . SR. . Alabama
Linebacker. . Darwin Ireland. . JR. . Arkansas
Linebacker. . James Singleton. . SR. . Southern Miss
Linebacker. . Danton Barto . . . JR. . Memphis State
Linebacker. . James Willis. . SR. . Auburn
Back. . Ray Buchanan. . SR. . Louisville
Back. . Will White. . SR. . Florida
Back. . Fred Smith. . SO. . Auburn
Back. . George Teague. . SR. . Alabama
Punter. . Shayne Edge. . SO. . Florida

In the West, Alabama could pick up where it left off on last season's 11-1 record, which included a 30-25 Blockbuster Bowl victory over defending national champion Colorado. Coach Gene Stallings' Crimson Tide has 16 starters returning, including versatile flanker/kick-return specialist David Palmer, who last year compiled 1,133 all-purpose yards, and guarterback Jay Barker, who stepped in as a freshman late last fall and proceeded to go undefeated.

Bob Rosato

Shane Matthews *Florida*

Behind Alabama in the West, newcomer Arkansas could make a sudden impact in its new league, while Mississippi State will be out to continue its newfound success from the previous season. Coach Jackie Sherrill, in his first year with the Bulldogs, instilled a new confidence and resolve in his team that helped result in a winning record.

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east

by MICKEY FURFARI THOMSON NEWSPAPERS

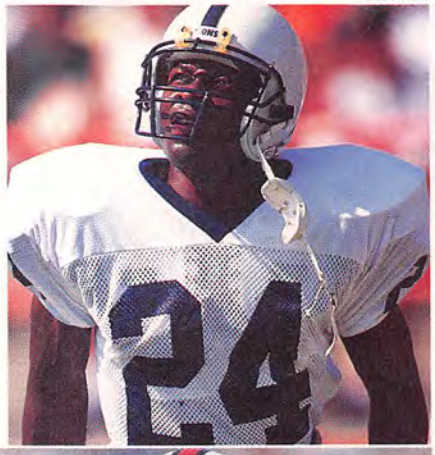
It will be another year before the East's drastically changing football picture comes into full focus. Penn State remains part of it as a lame-duck independent awaiting official entry into the Big Ten. Miami and Virginia Tech, shedding Southern independence, are still feeling their way as members of the year-old Big East football league.

All pieces of the puzzle, however, will fall neatly into place in 1993. That's when Penn State finally shifts its allegiance to the Midwest. It also is when the Big East begins a round-robin schedule, two years earlier than originally planned. Only Army and Navy will remain as Eastern I-A independents.

Both Miami and Penn State should be among the leading contenders for the national

O.J. McDuffie *Penn State*

Bob Rosato



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Gino Torretta *Miami*

championship which the Hurricanes shared with Washington in 1991. Their October 10 showdown at State College, PA, looms as one of the season's biggest games. But Miami doesn't yet qualify for the Lambert/Meadowlands Trophy, symbolic of Eastern supremacy, because it plays only five regional opponents, one short of the minimum requirement. Penn State, not a part of the new bowl alliance, has already been invited to the Blockbuster Bowl.

Dennis Erickson, who directed Miami to two national championships in his first three years, returns several All-America candidates from last year's 12-0 team. Penn State, which posted an 11-2 record and finished third in most polls, likewise is loaded with talent and experience. So Joe Paterno, the nation's winningest active coach, has the sights set even higher in his 26th year as the Lions' ringmaster.

Meanwhile, surging Syracuse has lofty ambitions of its own. The Orange were 10-2, including 5-0 in the Big East, and ranked 11th nationally in Paul Pasqualoni's first year as head coach. Some folks figure Syracuse could be undefeated going into its November 21 finale against Miami in the Carrier Dome.

Boston College, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, and West Virginia all look like legitimate contenders for third place in the Big East. The lingering question is: Which team will be improved the most? Boston College's Eagles should be flying high under second-year coach Tom Coughlin. He won four games and lost four others by seven points or less.

Most of a potent offense remains intact at

Alex Van Pelt *Pittsburgh*

David L. Johnson

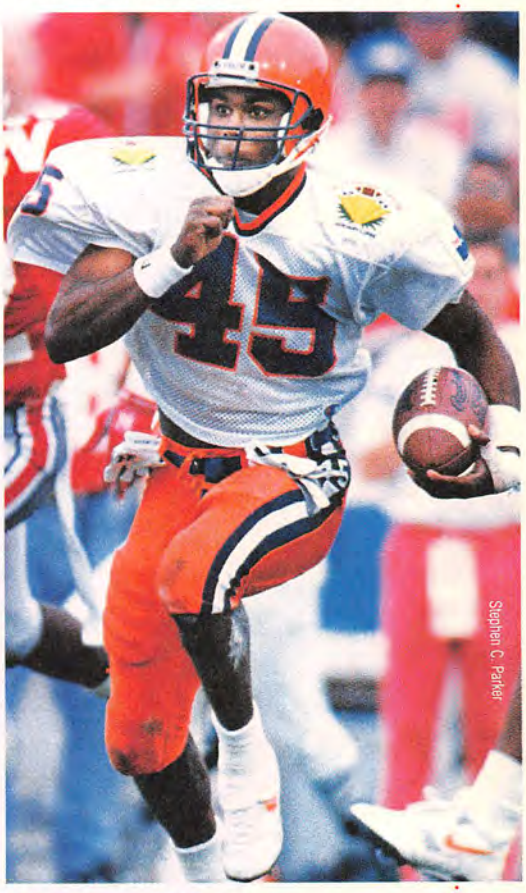
1992 all-east team

offense

Quarterback . . Gino Torretta . . SR . . Miami
Running back . . David Walker . . SR . . Syracuse
Running back . . Richie Anderson . . JR . . Penn State
Running back . . Stephen McGuire . . SR . . Miami
Wide receiver . . O.J. McDuffie . . SR . . Penn State
Wide receiver . . Qadry Ismail . . SR . . Syracuse
Wide receiver . . Lamar Thomas . . SR . . Miami
Tight end . . Coleman Bell . . SR . . Miami
Line . . Chris Sestili . . SR . . Pittsburgh
Line . . Terrence Wisdom . . SR . . Syracuse
Line . . Jim Pyne . . JR . . Virginia Tech
Line . . Greg Huntington . . SR . . Penn State
Line . . Mike Compton . . SR . . West Virginia
Place-kicker . . Craig Fayak . . JR . . Penn State

defense

Line . . Rusty Medearis . . JR . . Miami
Line . . John Stolberg . . SR . . Boston College
Line . . Tyoka Jackson . . JR . . Penn State
Line . . Kevin Mitchell . . JR . . Syracuse
Line . . Lou Benfatti . . SR . . Penn State
Linebacker . . Darrin Smith . . SR . . Miami
Linebacker . . Tom McManus . . SR . . Boston College
Linebacker . . Michael Barrow . . SR . . Miami
Linebacker . . Jesse Armstead . . SR . . Miami
Back . . Ryan McNeil . . SR . . Miami
Back . . Malik Jackson . . JR . . Rutgers
Back . . Tyrone Drakeford . . JR . . Virginia Tech
Punter . . Pat O'Neill . . JR . . Syracuse



Stephen C. Parker

Qadry Ismail *Syracuse*

Pittsburgh. But coach Paul Hackett must reconstruct a defense decimated by graduation and early NFL departures. Rutgers returns 18 starters from a 6-5 team. But coach Doug Graber enters his third season with an untested, though highly regarded, quarterback. Don Nehlen hopes his 13th year at West Virginia will be both lucky and successful. Unlike Graber, he opens with a proven quarterback for the first time since 1989.

Frank Beamer faces a major rebuilding job at Virginia Tech, as does Jerry Berndt at Temple. Both schools are coming off disappointing seasons. Navy could enjoy its first winning campaign in 10 years if George Chaump fields an improved defense. Bob Sutton's critical need at Army is offense.

Four of the nation's finest quarterbacks will be leading Eastern teams: Miami's Gino Torretta, Pittsburgh's Alex Van Pelt, Syracuse's Marvin Graves, and B.C.'s Glenn Foley.

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The '90s may be the decade of the game-breaker. Fast

Kevin Williams *Miami*

Bob Rosato

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In retrospect, it may have been the play that saved a piece of the national championship for the University of Miami. It came in the third quarter of the Hurricanes' tense game against Penn State last October in the Orange Bowl. The 'Canes never seem to lose in their ancient stadium. (Their current victory streak is at 45 games.) But on this day it was a possibility. If it had happened, no one would have bracketed them with the Washington Huskies late New Year's night.

Kevin Williams took care of that unpleasant potential. The punt came down on the Miami nine-yard line. Williams fielded it and instantly cut left. He made a Penn State player miss him. Then he cut back right and a few more Nittany Lions missed. By midfield he was clear. He jogged the last 20 yards, welcomed into the end zone by the Miami student section, some of whose inhabitants attempted to pull him into the seats to join their celebration. Williams was half willing. No Hurricane in school history had ever returned a punt 91 yards. But no Hurricane team in history ever possessed a lightning bolt quite like Williams, the little Texan who enters his junior year.

The ability to strike like lightning. That is what has happened to a select few college teams in recent seasons: Notre Dame, Michi-

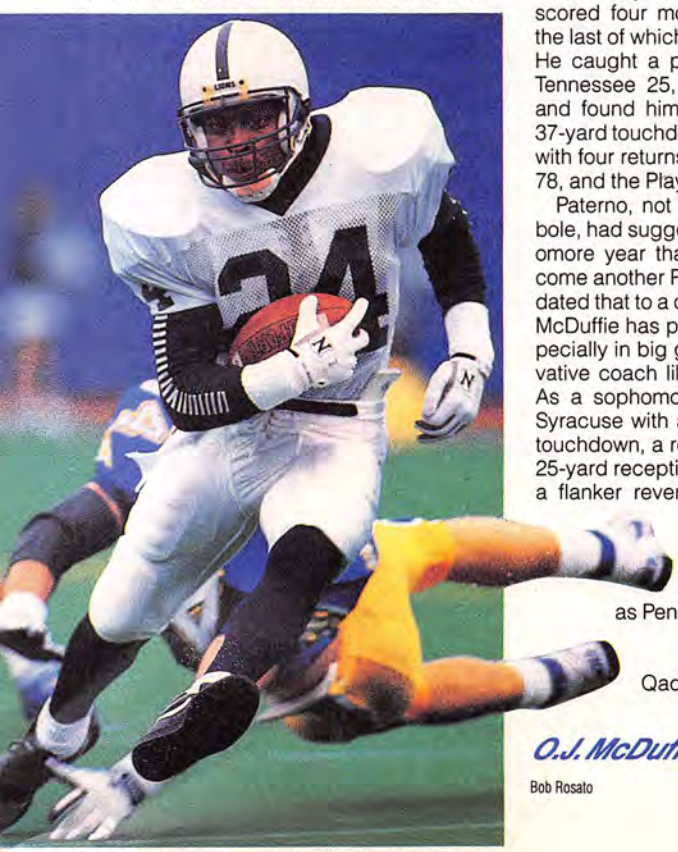
As Lightning

gan, and now Miami, Syracuse, and Penn State. Rocket Ismail of Notre Dame was the first of the recent lightning bolts. And just months after Ismail's amateur career ended with the signing of a rich pro contract with Toronto of the Canadian Football League, Desmond Howard of Michigan was clutching the 1991 Heisman Trophy. When Howard made the decision to skip his final year of eligibility as a Wolverine, his successors were already lined up behind him.

Williams is not even Howard's most obvious successor. Qadry Ismail, the Rocket's younger brother, gives Syracuse more dimension than the Rocket provided at Notre Dame. Not far behind them is O.J. McDuffie, who spurned an early entrance into the pros to play a final season at Penn State. Bobby Bowden, the Florida State coach who last season had to deal with Williams and Qadry Ismail as well as with Howard, explains the dilemma of having to defend against the lightning bolts: "They give you the threat of a touchdown on every play."

Bowden was not merely paying lip service. Consider the tremors that Ismail sent through the coach's nervous system in the first quarter of their game last October. First, Ismail caught a 44-yard touchdown pass on a flea-flicker from quarterback Marvin Graves. He followed that with a 95-yard kickoff return that gave Syracuse a 14–7 lead. Florida State roared back to win easily, 46–14, but Bowden's point was well-illustrated. The '90s may be the decade of the game-breakers.

Tennessee held what seemed to be a safe 17–7 lead over Penn State at half time of the Fiesta Bowl last January 1. The Vols outgained their foes, 400 yards to 67, in the first 30 minutes. Coach Joe Paterno approached McDuffie in the Nittany Lions' dressing room. "We're going to have to get you more involved in the offense," Paterno told his speedy star, whose first-half contribution amounted to one pass reception.



O.J. McDuffie *Penn State*

Bob Rosato

Explosive

The involvement turned out to be total. Never in the history of the Fiesta Bowl had there been such a second-half explosion. Penn State scored five consecutive touchdowns, a chain of fireworks that was set off and finished by McDuffie. It wasn't just a matter of Penn State shifting the emphasis in their passing game. Their other outstanding receiver, Terry Smith, was forced to withdraw himself from action after suffering a recurrence of a pinched nerve in his neck during the pregame warmups. McDuffie had to be "it."

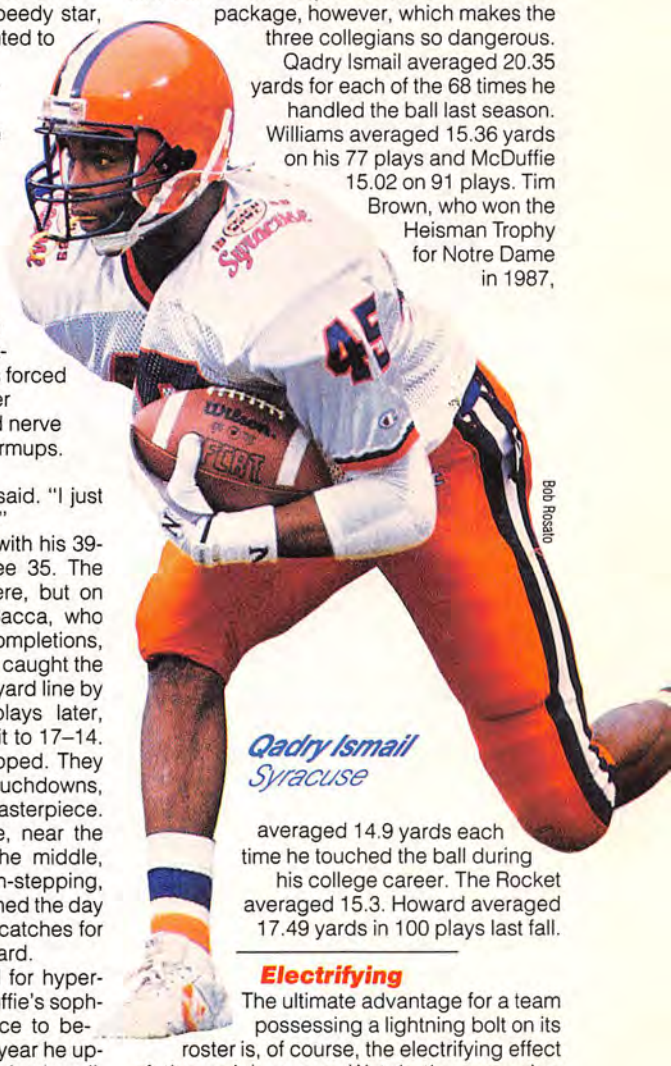
"I didn't feel any pressure," he said. "I just felt I had to step my game up a bit."

McDuffie did just that. It began with his 39-yard punt return to the Tennessee 35. The Lions' first two plays went nowhere, but on third-and-10, quarterback Tony Sacca, who had thrown eight consecutive incompletions, found McDuffie open at the 25. He caught the pass and raced to the Vols' seven-yard line by splitting two defenders. Three plays later, Penn State scored to cut the deficit to 17–14. The Nittany Lions couldn't be stopped. They scored four more unanswered touchdowns, the last of which was a McDuffie masterpiece. He caught a pass at the sideline, near the Tennessee 25, stopped, cut to the middle, and found himself free for a high-stepping, 37-yard touchdown. McDuffie finished the day with four returns for 71 yards, four catches for 78, and the Player of the Game award.

Paterno, not a coach renowned for hyperbole, had suggested early in McDuffie's sophomore year that "O.J. has a chance to become another Paul Warfield." Last year he updated that to a comparison with Rocket Ismail. McDuffie has performed enough marvels, especially in big games, to lead even a conservative coach like Paterno into turning lyrical. As a sophomore, McDuffie beat bitter rival Syracuse with an 84-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, a reverse for 46 yards, and a key 25-yard reception in a 203-yard game. He ran a flanker reverse for a 37-yard touchdown against Notre Dame last year, winning the Player of the Game award. He also made an acrobatic touchdown catch as Penn State defeated Georgia Tech in the Kickoff Classic.

Unlike McDuffie and Williams, Qadry Ismail does not return many punts. Like his brother, the Rocket, he has made kickoff returns his forte. When it comes to skills as a receiver, however, the pro scouts rank Ismail ahead of McDuffie and Williams—as well as the Rocket himself. At least they do so far. It is the entire package, however, which makes the three collegians so dangerous.

Qadry Ismail averaged 20.35 yards for each of the 68 times he handled the ball last season. Williams averaged 15.36 yards on his 77 plays and McDuffie 15.02 on 91 plays. Tim Brown, who won the Heisman Trophy for Notre Dame in 1987, averaged 14.9 yards each time he touched the ball during his college career. The Rocket averaged 15.3. Howard averaged 17.49 yards in 100 plays last fall.



Qadry Ismail *Syracuse*

Bob Rosato

Electrifying

The ultimate advantage for a team possessing a lightning bolt on its roster is, of course, the electrifying effect of the quick score. Watch the opposing coaches when Williams, Ismail, or McDuffie catches a kickoff or a punt with the possibility of an opening toward a clear field up ahead. Breaths are held, expressions are stricken.

Consider Williams's approach to returning punts. He waits, sometimes for as long as two seconds—an eternity in football—for the defense to close in before he makes his first move. "It's baiting them in," he says. "It's like everyone is coming here to get me. But if my blockers are there, I can run away from them. My goal is not to let one person tackle me. I have to fight for every yard."

Sometimes he has to do that. Williams set a Miami record last year by returning three punts (of 91, 63, and 48 yards) for touchdowns. He had an 80-yarder against Arkansas called back because of a clipping penal-

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Fast As Lightning

ty. He had a 63-yarder against Long Beach State in which he was tackled a yard short of the goal line. But his most memorable return in 1991 might have been a mere 11-yarder against Houston, during which he broke seven tackles while bobbing and weaving as he sought daylight. It's a style he honed while playing "hot ball" in the streets of Dallas as a kid. In "hot ball," it's one man, with the ball, against everyone. You have to break through almost the entire neighborhood to score.

"Returning punts is like you're in an alley and a couple of guys jump you," said Williams. "Your back is against the wall and you've got to show what you've got."

Bowden said that punting away from Williams isn't the greatest strategy either. "You think about kicking away from someone, and you end up kicking it sideways." It isn't just Williams's flair, or his "Now he's here, now he isn't" style. It's his speed: 4.28 for the 40-yard dash. No Hurricane in memory, which takes in a lot of speedy 'Canes, ever ran that fast.

Paul Pasqualoni, the Syracuse coach, says that if you watched Qadry Ismail return kickoffs, you wouldn't know he was the Rocket's brother unless someone told you. "Qadry has a different style," said Pasqualoni. "He has the ability to make those stripes disappear in a hurry with that long stride of his—I think even more so than his brother. His stride is really something." The epitome of a big-strike man, Ismail scored seven touchdowns in 1991, three on pass receptions, three running, and the kickoff return against the Seminoles. The seven averaged 54 yards. His 25-yard kickoff-return average set a Syracuse record. His speed placed him fifth in the NCAA 100-meters. He earned his nickname, the "Missile."

McDuffie is a baseball player rather than a track man. At least he was for three years at Penn State. He gave up the sport to concentrate on football this season, even though he hit .336, stole 20 bases, and was drafted by the California Angels as a junior. The prospect of playing in the major leagues, like Bo Jackson or Deion Sanders, "is way in the back of my mind," said McDuffie.

Exciting

They don't make a big thing of times for the 40-yard dash at Penn State. "We have a bunch of 4.4 guys," said McDuffie, obviously including himself. "We always look slow in those black shoes [the Nittany Lions' traditional footwear], but when we go by the opponents, they say, 'Wow! What's up with that?'"

McDuffie returned two punts for touchdowns last season. "I love returning punts," he said. "It's a different experience. I think it's a kamikaze-type of job. You're looking at a ball and all those guys are coming at you and you don't know where they're coming from. It's kind of crazy, but it's fun."

Williams's pass-catching skill sometimes gets overlooked because of Miami's abundance of receivers. Six Hurricanes had at least 20 receptions a year ago. Williams caught 21 for 330 yards and three touchdowns, including a pair of scores against Houston. With seasoned quarterback Gino Torretta back, Williams's ability to get deep quickly may be exploited more often in 1992.

In his first two seasons of college football, Ismail never caught a pass. He started at wide receiver as a sophomore against Southern California in the Kickoff Classic, but he suffered a hand injury in the pregame warmups. After he dropped a pass in the end zone, he didn't start again until his junior year, and he led the Orange in receiving with 37 catches and an 18.7-yard average. In Syracuse's 24–17 victory in the Hall of Fame Bowl, Ohio State limited Ismail to one catch, a short hitch which he carried 57 yards down to the goal line. But the Buckeyes' concentration on him underlined part of the Missile's value.

Three other Syracuse receivers who rejoin Ismail this year, Shelby Hill, Antonio Johnson, and Kerry Ferrell, combined for nine catches and 191 yards. At Syracuse, they call these burners "The Fab Four." Johnson is the Big East indoor 55-yard dash champion and Ferrell was the New Jersey 110-meter hurdles champion in high school. Marvin Graves returns at quarterback to throw to them.

The most productive receiver among the lightning bolts is McDuffie. Both he and Terry Smith broke the school record for catches in a single season last year. McDuffie had 46 for a 17.2-yard average with a 71.82-yards-per-game mark. Even though he knew the Nittany Lions' reputation for stodgy offense, McDuffie chose Penn State over Notre Dame when he was a highly recruited high school star from suburban Cleveland. "The most passes I ever thought I'd catch here was about 25," he admitted. "But I also saw that Penn State receivers get drafted. The NFL knows Penn State receivers have the whole package."

"O.J. is as good as any receiver we've had here," said Paterno. "He could be a dominant player in college football this season."

The emphasis could shift away from the passing game, however, since Tony Sacca, who threw 21 touchdown passes as a senior, finished his eligibility. McDuffie's receiving numbers depend upon the development of Sacca's successor, Kerry Collins, another big quarterback with a strong arm whom Paterno chose to develop slowly. Whatever the offensive emphasis, McDuffie will play a major role.

Williams and Miami will go head-to-head with McDuffie at Penn State on October 10 and with Ismail at Syracuse on November 21. Who says lightning never strikes twice!

Southeastern Streaks

The underclassman most likely to move up in the game-breaker, or lightning-bolt, ratings is David Palmer, who put the spice in Alabama's scoring potential as a true freshman in 1991. At 'Bama, they call Palmer "The Deuce," because he wears No. 2 on his jersey, but it might just as well be attributable to the deuce of a time Southeast Conference opponents have in controlling him.

Palmer was named the state of Alabama's "Mr. Football" when he came out of high school in Birmingham, and he performed as advertised for the Crimson Tide. He averaged over 16 yards each time he touched the ball. The 5-9, 170-pounder returned three punts for touchdowns during the regular season: 56 yards against Vanderbilt, 69 against Tulane, and 90 against LSU. In the Blockbuster Bowl, he returned another punt 52 yards for a touchdown in Alabama's 30–25 victory over Colorado. Palmer is as versatile as Williams, Ismail, and McDuffie. Among his 17 catches as a wide receiver were three for touchdowns. In the Auburn game, coach Gene Stallings used him as an option quarterback in one situation close to the goal line. He justified that hunch by running 10 yards for the contest's only touchdown in the Tide's 13–6 victory.

Auburn itself has a player with similar potential in Thomas Bailey, who as a freshman became the first player in SEC history to gain 1,000 yards in a season by returning kickoffs and punts. His only touchdown came on an 83-yard punt return against Southern Mississippi, but Tigers coach Pat Dye says Bailey's major game-breaking value "came in the field position he provided us." Bailey averaged 24.6 yards on 24 kickoff returns and 12.5 yards on 42 punt returns. He caught only seven passes for 76 yards, but the Tigers have expanded plans for him this season. Bailey is, by far, the best deep threat available to junior quarterback Stan White.

Georgia's junior wide receiver Andre Hastings should play a more prominent role this fall, now that he is established as the main collaborator of wonder quarterback Eric Zeier. Hastings' numbers inflated when Zeier took command as the starter. The 6-3, 185-pounder, Freshman of the Year in the SEC in 1990, caught 48 passes for 693 yards and five touchdowns, including a 62-yarder against Auburn. He returned just 14 kickoffs, but his average was 27.1 yards, sixth in the nation for the second straight season. Hasting had a 16-yard average for his 66 plays overall.

Miami, Penn State, Syracuse, Alabama and Georgia—teams with "Lightning Bolts"—had a combined record of 53-8. All went to bowls a year ago and all won. It couldn't have been a complete coincidence. □

1991 College Football Recap

Division III Playoffs

First Round

West Region
St. John's (MN) 75 ..... Coe 2
Wisconsin-La Crosse 28 ..... Simpson 13

North Region
Allegheny 24 ..... Albion 21 (OT)
Dayton 27 ..... Baldwin-Wallace 10

East Region
Ithaca 31 ..... Glassboro St. 10
Union (NY) 55 ..... Massachusetts-Lowell 16

South Region
Lycoming 18 ..... Washington & Jefferson 16
Susquehanna 21 ..... Dickinson 20

Quarterfinals

West Region
St. John's 29 ..... Wisconsin-La Crosse 10
Dayton 28 ..... Allegheny 25 (OT)
Ithaca 35 ..... Union 23
Susquehanna 31 ..... Lycoming 24

Semifinals

Dayton 19 ..... St. John's 7
Ithaca 49 ..... Susquehanna 13

Championship

Ithaca 34 ..... Dayton 20

NAIA Division I Playoffs

Quarterfinals

Moorhead State (MN) 47 ..... Iowa Wesleyan 14
Western State (CO) 38 ..... Carson-Newman (TN) 21
Central Arkansas 30 ..... Northeastern State (OK) 14
Central State (OH) 34 ..... Shepherd WV 22

Semifinals

Central State 20 ..... Western State 13
Central Arkansas 38 ..... Moorhead State 18

Championship

Central Arkansas 19 ..... Central State 16

NAIA Division II Playoffs

First Round

Georgetown (KY) 42 ..... Eureka (IL) 14
Peru State (NE) 41 ..... Nebraska Wesleyan 20
Pacific Lutheran (WA) 27 ..... Central Washington 0
Midwestern State (TX) 29 ..... Bethany (KS) 0
Dickinson State (ND) 26 ..... Minot State (ND) 21
Linfield (OR) 59 ..... Lewis & Clark (OR) 30
Findlay (OH) 9 ..... Westminster (PA) 8
Hastings (NE) 28 ..... St. Mary of the Plains (KS) 21

Quarterfinals

Georgetown 37 ..... Findlay 19
Peru State 28 ..... Midwestern State 24
Dickinson State 42 ..... Hastings 10
Pacific Lutheran 23 ..... Linfield 0

Semifinals

Pacific Lutheran 47 ..... Dickinson State 25
Georgetown 42 ..... Peru State 28

Championship

Georgetown 28 ..... Pacific Lutheran 20

Final Polls

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rank	school	record	points
1.	Miami (32)	12-0-0	1472
2.	Washington (28)	12-0-0	1468
3.	Penn State	11-2-0	1342
4.	Florida State	11-2-0	1310
5.	Alabama	11-1-0	1216
6.	Michigan	10-2-0	1151
7.	Florida	10-2-0	1119
8.	California	10-2-0	1039
9.	East Carolina	11-1-0	1024
10.	Iowa	10-1-1	883
11.	Syracuse	10-2-0	876
12.	Texas A&M	10-2-0	870
13.	Notre Dame	10-3-0	848
14.	Tennessee	9-3-0	716
15.	Nebraska	9-2-1	666
16.	Oklahoma	9-3-0	629
17.	Georgia	9-3-0	428
18.	Clemson	9-2-1	410
19.	UCLA	9-3-0	406
20.	Colorado	8-3-1	383
21.	Tulsa	10-2-0	348
22.	Stanford	8-4-0	262
23.	Brigham Young	8-3-2	182
24.	North Carolina St.	9-3-0	109
25.	Air Force	10-3-0	87

First-place votes in parentheses

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rank	school	record	points
1.	Washington (71)	12-0-0	2279
2.	Miami (21)	12-0-0	2224
3.	Penn State	11-2-0	2055
4.	Florida State	11-2-0	1998
5.	Alabama	11-1-0	1850
6.	Michigan	10-2-0	1743
7.	Florida	10-2-0	1652
8.	California	10-2-0	1607
9.	East Carolina	11-1-0	1482
10.	Iowa	10-1-1	1439
11.	Syracuse	10-2-0	1361
12.	Notre Dame	10-3-0	1349
13.	Texas A&M	10-2-0	1236
14.	Tennessee	9-3-0	1059
15.	Nebraska	9-2-1	964
16.	Oklahoma	9-3-0	961
17.	Clemson	9-2-1	681
18.	Colorado	8-3-1	666
19.	UCLA	9-3-0	655
20.	Georgia	9-3-0	565
21.	Tulsa	10-2-0	381
22.	Stanford	8-4-0	325
23.	North Carolina St.	9-3-0	303
24.	Brigham Young	9-3-1	262
25.	Ohio State	8-4-0	181

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rank	school	record	points
1.	Washington (33½)	12-0-0	1449½
2.	Miami (25½)	12-0-0	1440½
3.	Penn State	11-2-0	1321
4.	Florida State	11-2-0	1292
5.	Alabama	11-1-0	1191
6.	Michigan	10-2-0	1071
7.	California	10-2-0	1027
8.	Florida	10-2-0	1020
9.	East Carolina	11-1-0	1003
10.	Iowa	10-1-1	944
11.	Syracuse	10-2-0	891
12.	Notre Dame	10-3-0	815
13.	Texas A&M	10-2-0	799
14.	Oklahoma	9-3-0	694
15.	Tennessee	9-3-0	617
16.	Nebraska	9-2-1	608
17.	Clemson	9-2-1	450
18.	UCLA	9-3-0	443
19.	Georgia	9-3-0	407
20.	Colorado	8-3-1	366
21.	Tulsa	10-2-0	233
22.	Stanford	8-4-0	216
23.	Brigham Young	8-3-2	207
24.	Air Force	10-3-0	165
25.	North Carolina St.	9-3-0	142

Bowl Games

CALIFORNIA RAISIN
Bowling Green 28 / Fresno St. 21
JEEP EAGLE ALOHA *Georgia Tech 18 / Stanford 17*
BLOCKBUSTER *Alabama 30 / Colorado 25*
POULAN/INDEPENDENCE
Georgia 24 / Arkansas 15
LIBERTY *Air Force 38 / Mississippi St. 15*
MAZDA GATOR *Oklahoma 48 / Virginia 14*
THRIFTY HOLIDAY *Iowa 13 / Brigham Young 13*
FREEDOM *Tulsa 28 / San Diego St. 17*
JOHN HANCOCK *UCLA 6 / Illinois 3*
DOMINO'S COPPER *Indiana 24 / Baylor 0*
PEACH *East Carolina 37 / North Carolina St. 34*
HALL OF FAME *Syracuse 24 / Ohio St. 17*
FLORIDA CITRUS *California 37 / Clemson 13*
MOBIL COTTON *Florida St. 10 / Texas A&M 2*
FIESTA *Penn St. 42 / Tennessee 17*
ROSE *Washington 34 / Michigan 14*
FEDERAL EXPRESS ORANGE
Miami 22 / Nebraska 0
USF&G SUGAR *Notre Dame 39 / Florida 28*

Division I-AA Playoffs

First Round

Nevada 22 ..... McNeese St. 16
Youngstown St. 17 ..... Villanova 16
James Madison 42 ..... Delaware 35 (2 OT)
Samford 29 ..... New Hampshire 13
Eastern Kentucky 14 ..... Appalachian St. 3
Middle Tennessee St. 20 ... Sam Houston 19 (OT)
Northern Iowa 38 ..... Weber St. 21
Marshall 20 ..... Western Illinois 17 (OT)

Quarterfinals

Youngstown St. 30 ..... Nevada 28
Eastern Kentucky 23 ..... Middle Tennessee St. 13
Samford 24 ..... James Madison 21
Marshall 41 ..... Northern Iowa 13

Semifinals

Youngstown St. 10 ..... Samford 0
Marshall 14 ..... Eastern Kentucky 7

Championship

Youngstown St. 25 ..... Marshall 17

Division II Playoffs

First Round

Pittsburg St. 26 ..... Butler 16
East Texas St. 36 ..... Grand Valley St. 15
Portland St. 28 ..... Northern Colorado 24
Mankato St. 27 ..... North Dakota St. 7
Jacksonville St. 49 ..... Winston-Salem 24
Mississippi College 28 ..... Wofford 15
Indiana (PA) 56 ..... Virginia Union 7
Shippensburg 34 ..... East Stroudsburg 33

Quarterfinals

Pittsburg St. 38 ..... East Texas St. 28
Portland St. 37 ..... Mankato St. 27
Jacksonville St. 35 ..... Mississippi College 7
Indiana 52 ..... Shippensburg 7

Semifinals

Pittsburg St. 53 ..... Portland St. 21
Jacksonville St. 27 ..... Indiana 20

Championship

Pittsburg St. 23 ..... Jacksonville St. 6

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FINAL DIVISION I-A INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 15 att. per game)	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
Elvis Grbac, *Michigan*	JR	11	228	152	66.67	5	2.19	1955	8.57	24	10.53	169.0
Ty Detmer, *Brigham Young*	SR	12	403	249	61.79	12	2.98	4031	10.00	35	8.68	168.5
Jeff Garcia, *San Jose St.*	SO	9	160	99	61.87	5	3.13	1519	9.49	12	7.50	160.1
Matt Blundin, *Virginia*	SR	9	224	135	60.27	0	0.00	1902	8.49	19	8.48	159.6
Troy Kopp, *Pacific*	JR	12	449	275	61.25	16	3.56	3767	8.39	37	8.24	151.8
Steve Stenstrom, *Stanford*	SO	9	197	119	60.41	7	3.55	1683	8.54	15	7.61	150.2
Tony Sacca, *Penn St.*	SR	12	292	169	57.88	5	1.71	2488	8.52	21	7.19	149.8
Rick Mirer, *Notre Dame*	JR	12	234	132	56.41	10	4.27	2116	9.04	18	7.69	149.2
Shane Matthews, *Florida*	JR	11	361	218	60.39	18	4.99	3130	8.67	28	7.76	148.8
Keithen McCant, *Nebraska*	SR	11	168	97	57.74	8	4.76	1454	8.65	13	7.74	146.5
Casey Weldon, *Florida St.*	SR	11	313	189	60.38	8	2.56	2527	8.07	22	7.03	146.3
Billy Joe Hobert, *Washington*	SO	11	285	173	60.70	10	3.51	2271	7.97	22	7.72	146.1
Jeff Blake, *East Carolina*	SR	11	368	203	55.16	8	2.17	3073	8.35	28	7.61	146.1
Matt Rodgers, *Iowa*	SR	9	255	166*	65.10	10	3.92	2054	8.05	14	5.49	143.0
Mike Pawlawski, *California*	SR	11	316	191	60.44	13	4.11	2517	7.97	21	6.65	141.1
Kevin Verdugo, *Colorado St.*	SR	11	265	159	60.00	11	4.15	2138	8.07	17	6.42	140.6
T.J. Rubley, *Tulsa*	SR	11	260	148	56.92	9	3.46	2054	7.90	18	6.92	139.2
Gino Torretta, *Miami*	JR	11	371	205	55.26	8	2.16	3095	8.34	20	5.39	138.8
David Lowery, *San Diego St.*	SO	12	311	176	56.59	12	3.86	2575	8.28	19	6.11	138.6
Marvin Graves, *Syracuse*	SO	11	221	131	59.28	11	4.98	1912	8.65	10	4.52	136.9

TOTAL OFFENSE

		rushing					passing				total offense
	car	gain	loss	net	att	yds	pts	yds	ydpl	tdr*	yds pg
Ty Detmer, *Brigham Young*	75	272	302	-30	403	4031	478	4001	8.37	39	333.42
David Klingler, *Houston*	92	212	374	-162	497	3388	589	3226	5.48	30	322.60
Troy Kopp, *Pacific*	47	114	195	-81	449	3767	496	3686	7.43	38	307.17
Jeff Blake, *East Carolina*	77	286	177	109	368	3073	445	3182	7.15	31	289.27
Gino Torretta, *Miami*	49	174	114	60	371	3095	420	3155	7.51	22	286.82
Shane Matthews, *Florida*	50	149	139	10	361	3130	411	3140	7.64	29	285.45
Dave Brown, *Duke*	90	334	277	57	437	2794	527	2851	5.41	25	259.18
Andy Kelly, *Tennessee*	57	170	110	60	361	2759	418	2819	6.74	18	256.27
Jason Verduzco, *Illinois*	47	137	181	-44	382	2825	429	2781	6.48	15	252.82
Alex Van Pelt, *Pittsburgh*	26	55	74	-19	398	2796	424	2777	6.55	16	252.45
Tom Corontzos, *Wyoming*	86	174	313	-139	363	2868	449	2729	6.08	22	248.09
Matt Rodgers, *Iowa*	61	270	117	153	255	2054	316	2207	6.98	18	245.22
Trent Green, *Indiana*	102	400	199	201	318	2462	420	2663	6.34	23	242.09
Drew Bledsoe, *Washington St.*	104	258	352	-94	358	2741	462	2647	5.73	19	240.64
Casey Weldon, *Florida St.*	38	99	129	-30	313	2527	351	2497	7.11	22	227.00
Tommy Maddox, *UCLA*	72	176	209	-33	315	2505	387	2472	6.39	18	224.73
Frank Dolce, *Utah*	77	226	213	13	314	2444	391	2457	6.28	20	223.36
Mike Pawlawski, *California*	37	60	126	-66	316	2517	353	2451	6.94	22	222.82
Shawn Jones, *Georgia Tech*	114	538	177	361	339	2288	453	2649	5.85	18	220.75
David Lowery, *San Diego St.*	59	147	132	15	311	2575	370	2590	7.00	22	215.83

*Touchdowns responsible for

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds	yds pg	plays	yds pl
Ryan Benjamin, *Pacific*	JR	12	1581	612	4	798	2995	249.58	313	9.57
Vaughn Dunbar, *Indiana*	SR	11	1699	252	0	262	2213	201.18	375	5.90
Marshall Faulk, *San Diego St.*	FR	9	1429	201	0	33	1663	184.78	220	7.56
Trevor Cobb, *Rice*	JR	11	1692	136	0	16	1844	167.64	375	4.92
Corey Harris, *Vanderbilt*	SR	11	1103	283	0	445	1831	166.45	274	6.68
Tony Smith, *Southern Miss.*	SR	9	998	97	115	271	1481	164.56	233	6.36
Desmond Howard, *Michigan*	JR	11	165	950	261	373	1749	159.00	100	17.49
Chris Hughley, *Tulsa*	JR	10	1326	74	0	190	1590	159.00	285	5.58
Russell White, *California*	JR	11	1177	139	0	408	1724	156.73	272	6.34
Dion Johnson, *East Carolina*	SR	11	255	743	162	513	1673	152.09	127	13.17
Charles Levy, *Arizona*	FR	10	505	289	0	682	1476	147.60	174	8.48
Jason Davis, *Louisiana Tech*	JR	10	1351	110	0	14	1475	147.50	259	5.69
Aaron Turner, *Pacific*	JR	11	0	1604	0	0	1604	145.82	92	17.43
Harold Robinson, *Akron*	SR	11	48	779	0	771	1598	145.27	75	21.31
Billy Smith, *Central Michigan*	SR	11	1440	79	0	17	1536	139.64	391	3.93
Glyn Milburn, *Stanford*	JR	11	598	454	186	276	1514	137.64	203	7.46
Errict Rhett, *Florida*	SO	11	1109	361	0	0	1470	133.64	264	5.57
Tony Sands, *Kansas*	SR	11	1442	7	0	0	1449	131.73	274	5.29
Derek Brown, *Nebraska*	SO	11	1313	86	0	24	1423	129.36	243	5.86
Brad Smith, *Kent St.*	SR	9	645	202	0	292	1139	126.56	176	6.47
Qadry Ismail, *Syracuse*	JR	11	216	693	0	475	1384	125.82	68	20.35
Arthur Davis, *Cal St. Fullerton*	JR	9	683	35	0	403	1121	124.56	203	5.52
O.J. McDuffie, *Penn St.*	JR	11	102	790	358	117	1367	124.27	91	15.02
Robert Rivers, *Wyoming*	SR	10	22	742	265	213	1242	124.20	97	12.80
Jeff Sydner, *Hawaii*	JR	11	296	421	144	495	1356	123.27	112	12.11

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

	cl	g	ct	yds	td	ct pg
Fred Gilbert, *Houston*	JR	11	106	957	7	9.64
Aaron Turner, *Pacific*	JR	11	92	1604	18	8.36
Marcus Grant, *Houston*	JR	11	78	1262	10	7.09
Wilbert Ursin, *Tulane*	SO	11	70	969	9	6.36
Carl Winston, *New Mexico*	SO	12	76	1177	7	6.33
Sean Lachapelle, *UCLA*	JR	11	68	987	11	6.18
Greg Primus, *Colorado St.*	JR	11	67	1081	8	6.09
Chris Walsh, *Stanford*	SR	11	66	934	6	6.00
Mark Szlachcic, *Bowling Green*	JR	11	65	943	8	5.91
Kelly Blackwell, *Texas Christian*	SR	11	64	762	6	5.82
Robert Rivers, *Wyoming*	SR	10	57	742	7	5.70
Mario Bailey, *Washington*	SR	11	62	1037	17	5.64
James Guarantano, *Rutgers*	SR	11	62	740	2	5.64
Desmond Howard, *Michigan*	SR	11	61	950	19	5.55
Rod Moore, *Utah St.*	SR	11	60	944	10	5.45
Kameno Bell, *Illinois*	SR	11	60	484	0	5.45
Jason Wolf, *Southern Methodist*	JR	11	59	565	4	5.36
Patrick Rowe, *San Diego St.*	SR	11	57	822	5	5.18
Daryl Hobbs, *Pacific*	SR	12	62	772	12	5.17

INTERCEPTIONS

	cl	g	no	yds	td	i pg
Terrell Buckley, *Florida St.*	JR	12	12	238	2	1.00
Carlton Gray, *UCLA*	JR	11	10	119	1	.91
Willie Clay, *Georgia Tech*	SR	12	9	66	1	.75
Ray Buchanan, *Louisville*	JR	11	8	89	0	.73
Tracy Saul, *Texas Tech*	JR	11	8	79	0	.73
Richard Palmer, *Eastern Mich.*	SO	11	7	219	1	.64
Ron Carpenter, *Miami (Ohio)*	JR	11	7	197	1	.64
Ron Edwards, *Utah St.*	SR	11	7	146	2	.64
Walter Bailey, *Washington*	JR	11	7	114	2	.64
Willie Lindsey, *Northwestern*	JR	11	7	52	0	.64
Darrius Watson, *Cal. St. Fullerton*	SO	10	6	17	0	.60
Steve Israel, *Pittsburgh*	SR	11	6	127	1	.55
George Teague, *Alabama*	JR	11	6	96	0	.55
Scott Harmon, *Oklahoma St.*	SO	11	6	90	0	.55
George Chatlos, *Navy*	JR	11	6	90	1	.55
Jimmy Young, *Purdue*	SO	11	6	29	1	.55
Michael McFarland, *Baylor*	JR	11	6	15	0	.55

SCORING

	cl	g	td	xp	fg	pts	pt pg
Marshall Faulk, *San Diego St.*	FR	9	23	2	0	140	15.56
Desmond Howard, *Michigan*	JR	11	23	0	0	138	12.55
Tommy Vardell, *Stanford*	SR	11	20	0	0	120	10.91
Jerome Bettis, *Notre Dame*	SO	12	20	0	0	120	10.00
Aaron Turner, *Pacific*	JR	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Mario Bailey, *Washington*	SR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Russell White, *California*	JR	11	16	2	0	98	8.91
Doug Brien, *California*	SO	11	0	41	19	98	8.91
Derek Mahoney, *Fresno St.*	SO	11	0	63	11	96	8.73
Jason Davis, *Louisiana Tech*	JR	10	14	0	0	84	8.40
Calvin Jones, *Nebraska*	FR	10	14	0	0	84	8.40
Ryan Benjamin, *Pacific*	JR	12	16	2	0	98	8.17
Michael Carter, *Hawaii*	SO	12	16	0	0	96	8.00
Carlos Huerta, *Miami*	SR	11	0	37	17	88	8.00
Terry Venetoulias, *Texas A&M*	SO	11	0	49	13	88	8.00
Craig Fayak, *Penn St.*	SO	12	0	42	17	93	7.75
Lin Elliott, *Texas Tech*	SR	11	0	34	17	85	7.73
Dan Eichloff, *Kansas*	SO	11	0	31	18	85	7.73
John Biskup, *Syracuse*	JR	11	0	34	17	85	7.73

RUSHING

	cl	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Marshall Faulk, *San Diego St.*	FR	9	201	1429	7.1	21	158.78
Vaughn Dunbar, *Indiana*	SR	11	336	1699	5.1	11	154.45
Trevor Cobb, *Rice*	JR	11	360	1692	4.7	14	153.82
Jason Davis, *Louisiana Tech*	JR	10	244	1351	5.5	14	135.10
Chris Hughley, *Tulsa*	JR	10	267	1326	5.0	8	132.60
Ryan Benjamin, *Pacific*	JR	12	226	1581	7.0	13	131.75
Tony Sands, *Kansas*	SR	11	273	1442	5.3	9	131.09
Billy Smith, *Central Michigan*	SR	11	374	1440	3.9	6	130.91
Derek Brown, *Nebraska*	SO	11	230	1313	5.7	14	119.36
Mike Gaddis, *Oklahoma*	SR	11	221	1240	5.6	14	112.73
Tony Smith, *Southern Miss.*	SR	9	194	998	5.1	8	110.89
Greg Hill, *Texas A&M*	FR	11	240	1216	5.1	12	110.55
Tico Duckett, *Michigan St.*	JR	11	272	1204	4.4	5	109.45
Kevin Williams, *UCLA*	JR	10	168	1089	6.5	8	108.90
Ricky Powers, *Michigan*	SO	11	230	1187	5.2	9	107.91
Russell White, *California*	JR	11	241	1177	4.9	14	107.00
Natrone Means, *North Carolina*	SO	10	201	1030	5.1	11	103.00
Brian Copeland, *Colorado St.*	SR	10	190	1028	5.4	5	102.80
Errict Rhett, *Florida*	SO	11	224	1109	5.0	10	100.82
Reggie Yarbrough, *Cal St. Fullerton*	SR	9	195	905	4.6	3	100.56

FINAL DIVISION I-A TEAM LEADERS

PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Bo Campbell, *Virginia Tech*	JR	15	273	0	18.20
Desmond Howard, *Michigan*	JR	15	261	1	17.40
David Palmer, *Alabama*	FR	24	386	3	16.08
Kevin Williams, *Miami*	SO	36	560	3	15.56
James McMillion, *Iowa St.*	SO	17	251	0	14.76
Kevin Smith, *Texas A&M*	SR	19	275	2	14.47
Michael James, *Arkansas*	SR	19	272	1	14.32
Darnell Stephens, *Clemson*	FR	25	352	1	14.08
Brad Clark, *Brigham Young*	JR	20	269	1	13.45
Marshall Roberts, *Rutgers*	SR	34	454	0	13.35
Eric Blount, *North Carolina*	SR	31	394	1	12.71
Jeff Burris, *Notre Dame*	SO	18	227	0	12.61
Thomas Bailey, *Auburn*	FR	42	528	1	12.57
Tracy Saul, *Texas Tech*	JR	16	200	0	12.50
George Coghill, *Wake Forest*	JR	25	312	1	12.48
Vincent Brownlee, *Mississippi*	SR	28	341	1	12.18
Matt Gay, *Kansas*	JR	15	182	0	12.13
Eric Guliford, *Arizona St.*	JR	15	178	1	11.87
Darian Hagan, *Colorado*	SR	25	287	0	11.48
Terry Vaughn, *Arizona*	SO	24	269	1	11.21

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	cl	no	avg	g	yds
Mark Bounds, *Texas Tech*	SR	53	46.81	11	2481
Jason Christ, *Air Force*	SR	50	45.66	12	2283
Pete Raether, *Arkansas*	SO	65	43.63	11	2836
Shayne Edge, *Florida*	FR	46	43.28	11	1991
Charles Langston, *Houston*	SR	52	43.19	11	2246
Eric Bruun, *Purdue*	SR	59	43.19	11	2548
Garret Henson, *New Mexico St.*	SR	54	43.07	11	2326
Rusty Carlsen, *Utah St.*	SR	56	43.04	11	2410
Ray Magana, *Long Beach St.*	SR	57	42.91	11	2446
David Lawrence, *Vanderbilt*	JR	54	42.74	11	2308
Ed Bunn, *UTEP*	JR	63	42.46	12	2675
Dan Eichloff, *Kansas*	SO	54	42.33	11	2286
Pat O'Neill, *Syracuse*	SO	45	42.20	11	1899
John Jett, *East Carolina*	SR	48	42.19	11	2025
Jeff Buffaloe, *Memphis St.*	JR	50	42.06	11	2103
Mike Stigge, *Nebraska*	JR	39	42.03	9	1639
Ed Garno, *Virginia*	SR	47	42.02	11	1975
Brian Parvin, *UNLV*	JR	48	41.94	11	2013
Scot Armstrong, *Georgia*	SO	40	41.90	9	1676
Bill Hawk, *Kentucky*	SR	54	41.76	11	2255

FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	fga	fg	pct	fg pg
Doug Brien, *California*	SO	11	28	19	.679	1.73
Dan Eichloff, *Kansas*	SO	11	24	18	.750	1.64
Jason Elam, *Hawaii*	JR	12	24	19	.792	1.58
Carlos Huerta, *Miami*	SR	11	21	17	.810	1.55
John Biskup, *Syracuse*	JR	11	22	17	.773	1.55
Nelson Welch, *Clemson*	FR	11	26	17	.654	1.55
Lin Elliott, *Texas Tech*	SR	11	26	17	.654	1.55
Eric Lange, *Tulsa*	JR	11	18	16	.889	1.45
Joe Wood, *Air Force*	SR	12	22	17	.773	1.42
Craig Fayak, *Penn St.*	SO	12	26	17	.654	1.42
Chuck Selinger, *Central Mich.*	SO	11	24	15	.625	1.36
Jim Von Wyl, *Auburn*	SR	11	26	15	.577	1.36
Pedro Suarez, *Louisiana St.*	JR	10	19	13	.684	1.30
Mike Green, *Wake Forest*	SO	11	19	14	.737	1.27
Anthony Brenner, *E. Carolina*	SO	11	22	14	.636	1.27
Jeff Jacke, *Missouri*	JR	9	14	11	.786	1.22

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Fred Montgomery, *New Mex. St.*	JR	25	734	1	29.36
Ronald Rice, *Eastern Michigan*	FR	11	319	0	29.00
Jeff Sydner, *Hawaii*	JR	18	495	0	27.50
Courtney Hawkins, *Michigan St.*	SR	20	548	0	27.40
Eric Blount, *North Carolina*	SR	25	679	1	27.16
Andre Hastings, *Georgia*	SO	14	380	0	27.14
Floyd Foreman, *Utah St.*	SR	27	730	0	27.04
Gary Melton, *Rutgers*	SR	17	435	1	25.59
Charles Levy, *Arizona*	FR	27	682	0	25.26
Donovan Moore, *Oregon*	JR	13	327	0	25.15
Qadry Ismail, *Syracuse*	JR	19	475	1	25.00
Brad Breedlove, *Duke*	JR	17	420	0	24.71
Curtis Conway, *Southern Cal.*	SO	20	493	0	24.65
Darrick Branch, *Hawaii*	JR	22	542	1	24.64
Tony Smith, *Southern Miss.*	SR	11	271	0	24.64
Thomas Bailey, *Auburn*	FR	24	590	0	24.58
Tony James, *Mississippi St.*	JR	21	515	0	24.52
James Jett, *West Virginia*	JR	19	464	0	24.42
Freddie Bradley, *Arkansas*	JR	16	388	0	24.25
Anthony Prior, *Washington St.*	SR	22	530	1	24.09

RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Nebraska	11	595	3885	6.5	45	353.2
Air Force	12	760	4057	5.3	34	338.1
Fresno St.	11	613	3303	5.4	42	300.3
Army	11	701	3222	4.6	23	292.9
Hawaii	12	626	3416	5.5	32	284.7
Notre Dame	12	584	3229	5.5	37	269.1
Texas A&M	11	633	2850	4.5	34	259.1
Clemson	11	614	2813	4.6	28	255.7
Alabama	11	557	2772	5.0	24	252.0
Oklahoma	11	606	2752	4.5	33	250.2
Michigan	11	510	2709	5.3	26	246.3
Kansas	11	614	2698	4.4	30	245.3
Louisiana Tech	11	521	2671	5.1	23	242.8
Baylor	11	595	2604	4.4	29	236.7
Vanderbilt	11	611	2597	4.3	19	236.1
Mississippi St.	11	529	2589	4.9	24	235.4
Washington	11	524	2551	4.9	34	231.9
Ohio St.	11	584	2522	4.3	27	229.3
Colorado	11	554	2499	4.5	23	227.2
Akron	11	515	2373	4.6	20	215.7

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Clemson	11	360	587	1.6	5	53.4
Washington	11	390	738	1.9	6	67.1
Florida St.	12	398	994	2.5	9	82.8
Texas A&M	11	393	946	2.4	13	86.0
Penn St.	12	408	1120	2.7	9	93.3
Florida	11	399	1103	2.8	7	100.3
Louisiana Tech	11	386	1105	2.9	8	100.5
UCLA	11	403	1110	2.8	13	100.9
Oklahoma	11	403	1140	2.8	5	103.6
Michigan	11	397	1142	2.9	7	103.8
Syracuse	11	400	1186	3.0	9	107.8
Central Michigan	11	439	1202	2.7	8	109.3
Miami (Ohio)	11	447	1209	2.7	2	109.9
Georgia Tech	12	462	1344	2.9	10	112.0
Baylor	11	423	1236	2.9	13	112.4
Ohio St.	11	390	1250	3.2	8	113.6
Texas	11	465	1335	2.9	8	121.4
North Carolina St.	11	381	1349	3.5	12	122.6
North Carolina	11	437	1352	3.1	7	122.9
Iowa	11	450	1384	3.1	9	125.8

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
Fresno St.	11	922	5961	6.5	62	541.91
Pacific	12	871	6135	7.0	61	511.25
Nebraska	11	800	5571	7.0	60	506.45
San Jose St.	11	813	5279	6.5	47	479.91
Brigham Young	12	837	5754	6.9	54	479.50
San Diego St.	12	955	5739	6.0	52	478.25
Washington	11	861	5191	6.0	60	471.91
Tennessee	11	878	5145	5.9	36	467.73
Florida	11	787	5028	6.4	45	457.09
UCLA	11	831	5019	6.0	39	456.27
Notre Dame	12	831	5466	6.6	55	455.50
Florida St.	12	897	5401	6.0	53	450.08
Houston	11	877	4909	5.6	44	446.27
California	11	845	4907	5.8	47	446.09
Miami	11	768	4854	6.3	41	441.27
Michigan	11	769	4831	6.3	50	439.18
East Carolina	11	794	4808	6.1	43	437.09
Texas A&M	11	847	4804	5.7	47	436.73
Wyoming	11	842	4737	5.6	38	430.64
Indiana	11	835	4709	5.6	35	428.09

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
Texas A&M	11	683	2446	3.6	19	222.4
Washington	11	730	2608	3.6	12	237.1
Texas	11	769	2848	3.7	15	258.9
Clemson	11	718	2895	4.0	17	263.2
Miami (Ohio)	11	747	2980	4.0	15	270.9
Iowa	11	712	2987	4.2	20	271.5
Central Michigan	11	741	3001	4.0	16	272.8
Georgia Tech	12	831	3333	4.0	22	277.8
Penn St.	12	805	3366	4.2	22	280.5
Florida St.	12	776	3375	4.3	22	281.3
Ball St.	11	752	3118	4.1	14	283.5
Oklahoma	11	731	3144	4.3	15	285.8
Tennessee	11	679	3154	4.6	24	286.7
Miami	11	790	3176	4.0	9	288.7
Tulsa	11	715	3231	4.5	26	293.7
Alabama	11	714	3303	4.6	13	300.3
North Carolina St.	11	710	3346	4.7	22	304.2
Indiana	11	672	3349	5.0	26	304.5
Fresno St.	11	685	3379	4.9	25	307.2
Florida	11	742	3383	4.6	16	307.5

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gained			turnovers lost			margin/
	fum	int	total	fum	int	total	game
Penn St.	16	26	42	13	7	20	1.83
Washington	18	21	39	8	12	20	1.73
Florida St.	12	25	37	6	11	17	1.67
N.C. State	17	18	35	8	9	17	1.64
East Carolina	16	18	34	6	10	16	1.64
Miami (Ohio)	11	21	32	6	10	16	1.45
Baylor	20	22	42	18	9	27	1.36
Oklahoma	8	25	33	11	7	18	1.36
Bowling Green	16	16	32	8	10	18	1.27
Nebraska	15	16	31	9	8	17	1.27
California	13	22	35	7	14	21	1.27
Alabama	15	20	35	14	7	21	1.27
Air Force	14	15	29	12	3	15	1.17
Utah St.	17	19	36	9	15	24	1.09
Texas Tech	14	14	28	8	8	16	1.09
Georgia	14	11	25	10	4	14	1.00

PASSING OFFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Houston	11	591	330	24	55.8	4101	6.9	33	372.8
Brigham Young	12	420	257	14	61.2	4125	9.8	35	343.8
Pacific	12	500	300	18	60.0	4114	8.2	42	342.8
Florida	11	390	235	19	60.3	3393	8.7	32	308.5
East Carolina	11	414	229	10	55.3	3379	8.2	30	307.2
San Jose St.	11	374	211	14	56.4	3338	8.9	21	303.5
New Mexico	12	518	246	24	47.5	3584	6.9	20	298.7
Wyoming	11	400	227	10	56.7	3264	8.2	24	296.7
Miami	11	396	223	11	56.3	3244	8.2	20	294.9
Washington St.	11	395	218	16	55.2	3028	7.7	19	275.3
San Diego St.	12	434	228	15	52.5	3263	7.5	22	271.9
Duke	11	450	236	16	52.4	2887	6.4	20	262.5
Illinois	11	392	240	11	61.2	2877	7.3	16	261.5
Florida St.	12	390	234	11	60.0	3114	8.0	28	259.5
Texas Christian	11	445	239	19	53.7	2840	6.4	17	258.2
Tennessee	11	366	231	15	63.1	2813	7.7	16	255.7
Pittsburgh	11	401	229	14	57.1	2809	7.0	15	255.4
UCLA	11	332	203	15	61.1	2710	8.2	17	246.4
South Carolina	11	367	217	8	59.1	2703	7.4	15	245.7
Missouri	11	406	218	15	53.7	2661	6.6	18	241.9

PASSING EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
Texas	11	304	115	37.83	15	4.93	1513	4.98	7	2.30	77.37
Texas A&M	11	290	129	44.48	14	4.83	1500	5.17	6	2.07	85.10
Washington	11	340	156	45.88	21	6.18	1870	5.50	6	1.76	85.55
Miami	11	346	175	50.58	19	5.49	1724	4.98	7	2.02	88.13
Penn St.	12	397	172	43.32	26	6.55	2246	5.66	13	3.27	88.56
Virginia	11	267	137	51.31	12	4.49	1512	5.66	1	.37	91.13
Arizona St.	11	290	143	49.31	23	7.93	1676	5.78	9	3.10	92.24
Tulsa	11	275	129	46.91	18	6.55	1586	5.77	10	3.64	94.26
Georgia Tech	12	369	178	48.24	18	4.88	1989	5.39	12	3.25	94.49
Oklahoma	11	328	161	49.09	25	7.62	2004	6.11	10	3.05	95.22
Fresno St.	11	269	109	40.52	13	4.83	1697	6.31	10	3.72	96.11
Alabama	11	289	136	47.06	20	6.92	1851	6.40	9	3.11	97.30
Miami (Ohio)	11	300	143	47.67	21	7.00	1771	5.90	13	4.33	97.55
Wisconsin	11	258	132	51.16	15	5.81	1470	5.70	10	3.88	100.19
Eastern Michigan	11	290	147	50.69	18	6.21	1785	6.16	9	3.10	100.22
Ball St.	11	252	122	48.41	12	4.76	1607	6.38	6	2.38	100.31
Florida St.	12	378	192	50.79	25	6.61	2381	6.30	13	3.44	101.83
Central Michigan	11	302	160	52.98	14	4.64	1799	5.96	8	2.65	102.49
Colorado	11	286	141	49.30	13	4.55	1886	6.59	6	2.10	102.53
North Carolina St.	11	329	175	53.19	18	5.47	1997	6.07	10	3.04	103.27

SCORING OFFENSE

	g	td	pts	avg
Fresno St.	11	65	486	44.2
Washington	11	63	461	41.9
Nebraska	11	61	454	41.3
California	11	50	406	36.9
Michigan	11	54	406	36.9
Florida St.	12	57	439	36.6
Texas A&M	11	52	402	36.5
Pacific	12	61	435	36.3
Penn St.	12	55	432	36.0
Notre Dame	12	59	426	35.5
Brigham Young	12	58	420	35.0
East Carolina	11	47	372	33.8
San Jose St.	11	49	372	33.8
San Diego St.	12	54	403	33.6
Miami	11	45	364	33.1
Florida	11	47	361	32.8
Houston	11	46	353	32.1
Stanford	11	47	351	31.9
Oklahoma	11	47	335	30.5
Tennessee	11	40	335	30.5

SCORING DEFENSE

	g	td	pts	avg
Miami	11	9	100	9.1
Washington	11	12	101	9.2
Alabama	11	13	118	10.7
Virginia	11	13	119	10.8
Miami (Ohio)	11	16	140	12.7
Oklahoma	11	17	143	13.0
Texas A&M	11	20	144	13.1
Texas	11	18	145	13.2
Bowling Green	11	19	147	13.4
Clemson	11	17	148	13.5
Colorado	11	17	150	13.6
Ball St.	11	16	150	13.6
Florida	11	17	152	13.8
Penn St.	12	23	167	13.9
Mississippi St.	11	17	156	14.2
Central Michigan	11	17	157	14.3
Ohio St.	11	18	163	14.8
Iowa	11	22	166	15.1
Michigan	11	23	169	15.4
Florida St.	12	23	186	15.5

FINAL DIVISION I-AA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 15 att. per game)	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
Michael Payton, *Marshall*	JR	9	216	143	66.20	5	2.31	2333	10.80	19	8.80	181.3
Eriq Williams, *James Madison*	JR	11	192	107	55.73	7	3.65	1914	9.97	19	9.90	164.8
Hugh Swilling, *Furman*	SO	9	153	85	55.56	5	3.27	1422	9.29	14	9.15	157.3
Chris Vargas, *Nevada-Reno*	SO	9	153	91	59.48	4	2.61	1386	9.06	10	6.54	151.9
Jeff Therne, *Eastern Illinois*	SO	11	246	151	61.38	6	2.44	1920	7.80	21	8.54	150.2
Connell Mayner, *North Caro A&T*	SR	10	192	110	57.29	5	2.60	1527	7.95	18	9.38	149.8
Jay Johnson, *Northern Iowa*	JR	11	222	125	56.31	6	2.70	1950	8.78	16	7.21	148.5
Doug Nussmeier, *Idaho*	SO	11	384	230	59.90	11	2.86	3300	8.59	25	6.51	147.8
Jamie Martin, *Weber St.*	JR	11	500	310	62.00	17	3.40	4125	8.25	35	7.00	147.6
Chris Hakel, *Williams & Mary*	JR	11	357	232	64.99	9	2.52	2974	8.33	18	5.04	146.6
Ricky Jones, *Alabama St.*	SR	10	240	126	52.50	7	2.92	2041	8.50	19	7.92	144.2
Steve McNair, *Alcorn St.*	FR	10	337	189	56.08	15	4.45	2895	8.59	24	7.12	142.8
Kenyon Earl, *Tenn.-Chatt.*	FR	11	181	93	51.38	8	4.42	1643	9.08	13	7.18	142.5
Chad Roghair, *Princeton*	SR	10	239	147	61.51	8	3.35	1886	7.89	14	5.86	140.4
Glenn Kempa, *Lehigh*	SR	11	474	286	60.34	15	3.16	3565	7.52	31	6.54	138.8
Tom Ciaccio, *Holy Cross*	SR	11	385	232	60.26	18	4.68	3010	7.82	25	6.49	138.0
Kelly Holcomb, *Middle Tenn St.*	FR	11	209	130	62.20	4	1.91	1763	8.44	5	2.39	137.1
James Wade, *Tennessee St.*	JR	10	243	132	54.32	11	4.53	2020	8.31	15	6.17	135.5
Tom Colombo, *Villanova*	JR	11	342	214	62.57	16	4.68	2540	7.43	20	5.85	134.9
Antoine Ezell, *Florida A&M*	SR	10	258	139	53.88	11	4.26	2156	8.36	14	5.43	133.5

TOTAL OFFENSE

		rushing					passing			total offense	
	car	gain	loss	net	att	yds	pts	yds	ydpl	tdr*	yds pg
Jamie Martin, *Weber St.*	91	440	228	212	500	4125	591	4337	7.34	37	394.27
Glenn Kempa, *Lehigh*	39	80	134	-54	474	3565	513	3511	6.84	31	319.18
Doug Nussmeier, *Idaho*	88	318	158	160	384	3300	472	3460	7.33	26	314.55
Steve McNair, *Alcorn St.*	57	329	87	242	337	2895	394	3137	7.96	30	313.70
Tom Ciaccio, *Holy Cross*	62	254	132	122	385	3010	447	3132	7.01	27	284.73
Brad Lebo, *Montana*	104	146	413	-267	457	3380	561	3113	5.55	21	283.00
Cornelius Bentan, *Connecticut*	66	228	171	57	376	2701	442	2758	6.24	19	275.80
Robbie Justine, *Liberty*	59	91	234	-143	427	3176	486	3033	6.24	19	275.73
Chris Hakel, *William & Mary*	53	112	136	-24	357	2974	410	2950	7.20	24	268.18
Jermaine Hall, *Bethune-Cookman*	67	223	244	-21	427	2666	494	2645	5.35	22	264.50
Michael Payton, *Marshall*	50	180	134	46	216	2333	266	2379	8.94	20	264.33
John Bonds, *Northern Ariz.*	75	227	263	-36	352	2679	427	2643	6.19	13	264.30
Matt Griffin, *New Hampshire*	70	198	98	100	311	2469	381	2569	6.74	25	256.90
Fred Gatlin, *Nevada-Reno*	71	384	106	278	279	2192	350	2470	7.06	23	247.00
Ricky Jones, *Alabama St.*	76	546	129	417	240	2041	316	2458	7.78	24	245.80
Jim Russell, *Colgate*	147	754	289	465	296	2166	443	2631	5.94	15	239.18
Roy Johnson, *Arkansas St.*	170	984	202	782	263	1747	433	2529	5.84	19	229.91
Tom Colombo, *Villanova*	40	91	116	-25	342	2540	382	2515	6.58	20	228.64
Mark Tenneson, *Eastern Wash.*	66	197	142	55	338	2399	404	2454	6.07	22	223.09
Trevor Cavanaugh, *Idaho St.*	111	438	189	249	311	2169	422	2418	5.73	18	219.82

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds	yds pg	plays	yds pl
Barry Bourassa, *New Hampshire*	JR	11	1130	426	0	596	2152	195.64	287	7.50
Al Rosier, *Dartmouth*	SR	10	1432	113	0	290	1835	183.50	288	6.37
Jerome Bledsoe, *Massachusetts*	SR	11	1545	178	0	293	2016	183.27	300	6.72
Jamie Jones, *Eastern Illinois*	SR	11	1403	299	0	305	2007	182.45	278	7.22
Brett Brown, *Brown*	JR	10	821	191	0	657	1669	166.90	260	6.42
Jerome Fuller, *Holy Cross*	SR	11	1465	249	86	0	1800	163.64	309	5.83
Bryan Reeves, *Nevada-Reno*	SO	10	1	931	329	268	1529	152.90	105	14.56
Michael Lerch, *Princeton*	JR	10	63	886	6	546	1501	150.10	78	19.24
Toby Davis, *Illinois St.*	JR	10	1169	309	0	0	1478	147.80	283	5.22
Marcus Dowdell, *Tennessee St.*	SR	9	-1	355	0	915	1269	141.00	59	21.51
Geoff Mitchell, *Weber St.*	SR	11	1170	160	0	196	1526	138.73	269	5.67
Brian James, *Samford*	SR	11	48	861	0	611	1520	138.18	81	18.77
Derrick Franklin, *Indiana St.*	SR	11	1505	14	0	0	1519	138.09	320	4.75
Willie English, *Central Fla.*	JR	11	1338	164	0	0	1502	136.55	254	5.91
Laurence Arico, *Lehigh*	SR	9	849	292	0	47	1188	132.00	216	5.50
Markus Thomas, *Eastern Ky.*	JR	11	1353	20	0	57	1430	130.00	183	7.81
Horace Hamm, *Lehigh*	SR	11	6	1044	0	371	1421	129.18	94	15.12
Troy Brown, *Marshall*	JR	11	-14	607	354	468	1415	128.64	64	22.11
Harold Wright, *Eastern Wash.*	SO	11	910	309	0	189	1408	128.00	230	6.12
Terrance Small, *Alcorn St.*	SR	10	-9	1068	221	0	1280	128.00	86	14.88

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

	cl	g	cl	yds	td	cl pg
Alfred Pupunu, *Weber St.*	SR	11	93	1204	12	8.45
Mark Didio, *Connecticut*	SR	11	88	1354	8	8.00
Kasey Dunn, *Idaho*	SR	11	85	1263	6	7.73
Pat Nelson, *Liberty*	SR	11	81	1075	4	7.36
Horace Hamm, *Lehigh*	SR	11	75	1044	13	6.82
Alex Davis, *Connecticut*	JR	11	74	909	7	6.73
Jeff Parker, *Bethune-Cookman*	SR	10	67	828	6	6.70
Dave Hall, *Weber St.*	SR	11	73	1043	10	6.64
Bryan Reeves, *Nevada-Reno*	SO	10	62	931	5	6.20
Cedric Tillman, *Alcorn St.*	SR	10	58	790	11	5.80
Torrance Small, *Alcorn St.*	SR	10	55	1068	7	5.50
Mike Bobo, *Dartmouth*	SR	10	55	725	10	5.50
Darrell Philon, *Southeast Mo. St.*	SR	11	60	815	4	5.45
Tom Garlick, *Fordham*	JR	9	47	692	8	5.22
Alan Williams, *William & Mary*	SR	11	57	598	5	5.18
Hendricks Johnson, *Northern Az.*	SR	0	51	859	6	5.10
Nate Singleton, *Grambling*	SR	11	55	1047	11	5.00

INTERCEPTIONS

	cl	g	no	yds	td	i pg
Warren McIntire, *Delaware*	JR	11	9	208	2	.82
Isaac Morehouse, *Jackson State*	SR	10	8	84	1	.80
William Carroll, *Florida A&M*	JR	11	8	150	0	.73
Morgan Ryan, *Montana St.*	SO	11	8	108	0	.73
Frank Robinson, *Boise St.*	SR	11	8	101	2	.73
Darryl Pounds, *Nicholls St.*	FR	11	8	40	0	.73
Alonza Barnett, *No. Caro. A&T*	JR	10	7	45	1	.70
Ricky Hill, *South Caro. St.*	SR	11	7	129	1	.64
Marcus Durgin, *Samford*	SO	11	7	97	1	.64
Adrion Smith, *Southwest Mo. St.*	SO	11	7	75	1	.64
Terry Arnold, *Jackson State*	SO	10	6	60	2	.60
Tony Farrell, *Eastern Illinois*	SR	10	6	54	0	.60

SCORING

	cl	g	td	xp	fg	pts	pt pg
Geoff Mitchell, *Weber St.*	SR	11	28	2	0	170	15.45
Barry Bourassa, *New Hampshire*	JR	11	21	0	0	126	11.45
Pat Kennedy, *Villanova*	SR	9	15	0	0	90	10.00
Mark Lookenbill, *Lehigh*	JR	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Nate Singleton, *Grambling*	SR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Brian Mitchell, *Northern Iowa*	SR	11	0	40	19	97	8.82
Mike Giardi, *Harvard*	SO	9	13	0	0	78	8.67
Robert Green, *William & Mary*	SR	9	13	0	0	78	8.67
Rick Schwendinger, *Nev.-Reno*	SR	11	0	57	12	93	8.45
Al Rosier, *Dartmouth*	SR	10	13	2	0	80	8.00
Keith Elias, *Princeton*	SO	10	13	2	0	80	8.00
Andrew Burr, *Furman*	SR	11	0	45	14	87	7.91
Jerome Fuller, *Holy Cross*	SR	11	4	0	0	84	7.64
Tim Lester, *Eastern Kentucky*	SR	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Joe Campbell, *Middle Tenn. St.*	SR	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Walter Dunson, *Middle Tenn. St.*	JR	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Horace Hamm, *Lehigh*	SR	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Mike Black, *Boise St.*	SR	11	0	36	15	81	7.36
Carl Tremble, *Furman*	JR	9	11	0	0	66	7.33
Dewey Klein, *Marshall*	SR	11	0	50	10	80	7.27

RUSHING

	cl	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Al Rosier, *Dartmouth*	SR	10	258	1432	5.6	12	143.20
Jerome Bledsoe, *Massachusetts*	SR	11	264	1545	5.9	11	140.45
Derrick Franklin, *Indiana St.*	SR	11	318	1505	4.7	12	136.82
Jerome Fuller, *Holy Cross*	SR	11	266	1465	5.5	12	133.18
Jamie Jones, *Eastern Illinois*	SR	11	233	1403	6.0	4	127.55
Markus Thomas, *Eastern Ky.*	JR	11	178	1353	7.6	10	123.00
Willie English, *Central Fla.*	JR	11	236	1338	5.7	13	121.64
Toby Davis, *Illinois St.*	JR	10	253	1169	4.6	7	116.90
Chris Kouri, *Yale*	SR	10	209	1101	5.3	8	110.10
Michael Murray, *Delaware St.*	SR	11	226	1200	5.3	9	109.09
Kenny Sims, *James Madison*	JR	11	191	1199	6.3	9	109.00
Geoff Mitchell, *Weber St.*	SR	11	239	1170	4.9	24	106.36
Jack Douglas, *Citadel*	SR	11	266	1152	4.3	13	104.73
Carl Tremble, *Furman*	JR	9	159	927	5.8	11	103.00
Barry Bourassa, *New Hampshire*	JR	11	230	1130	4.9	15	102.73
Nick Crawford, *Yale*	SR	10	210	1024	4.9	8	102.40
Joe Campbell, *Middle Tenn. St.*	SR	11	198	1121	5.7	14	101.91
Eric Gant, *Grambling*	FR	11	194	1111	5.7	5	101.00
Tamron Smith, *Youngstown St.*	SO	10	181	1009	5.6	8	100.90
John McNiff, *Cornell*	SR	8	204	806	4.0	8	100.75

PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Ashley Ambrose, *Miss. Val.*	SR	28	514	3	18.36
Troy Brown, *Marshall*	JR	24	354	2	14.75
Thaylen Armstead, *Grambling*	SR	23	317	1	13.78
Donald Caparotti, *Massachusett*	JR	26	355	1	13.65
Mike Dickinson, *Central Fla.*	JR	31	387	3	12.48
Jerrold Seymore, *Arkansas St.*	FR	16	188	1	11.75
Kerry Hayes, *Western Caro.*	FR	19	222	1	11.68
Jeff Parker, *Bethune-Cookman*	SR	15	173	0	11.53
Bill Cobb, *Pennsylvania*	SO	15	170	1	11.33
Sean Hill, *Montana St.*	SO	22	248	1	11.27
Marcus Durgin, *Samford*	SO	15	169	0	11.27
Anthony Archer, *James Madison*	JR	31	345	1	11.13
Tyrone Davis, *Florida A&M*	SR	2	243	0	11.05

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	cl	no	avg	g	yds
Harold Alexander, *Appalachian St.*	JR	64	47.02	1	3009
Pumpy Tudors, *Tenn.-Chatt.*	SR	53	45.55	1	2414
Tom Sugg, *Idaho*	JR	53	44.74	1	2371
Terry Belden, *Northern Ariz.*	SO	43	44.37	1	1908
Leo Araguz, *Stephen F. Austin*	JR	72	42.61	1	3068
Gene Vadas, *Delaware*	SR	40	42.50	1	1700
Brian Dowler, *Marshall*	SR	50	41.76	1	2088
Pat Neck, *McNeese St.*	SO	83	41.60	1	3453
Colin Godfrey, *Tennessee St.*	JR	63	41.44	1	2611
Jeff Belser, *Towson St.*	SR	67	41.30	1	2767
Don Norton, *Ga. Southern*	SR	73	40.82	1	2980
Jeff Meader, *Holy Cross*	SO	46	40.59	1	1867
Rob Sims, *Pennsylvania*	JR	53	40.47	1	2145
Darrell Schneider, *East. Wash.*	JR	50	40.16	1	2008
Chad McCarty, *Northeast La.*	JR	56	40.00	1	2240

FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	fga	fg	pct	fg pg
Brian Mitchell, *Northern Iowa*	SR	11	24	19	.792	1.73
Eric Roberts, *McNeese St.*	SR	11	22	16	.727	1.45
Mike Black, *Boise St.*	SR	11	19	15	.789	1.36
Alex Lacson, *Eastern Wash.*	FR	11	22	15	.682	1.36
David Cool, *Ga. Southern*	SR	11	17	14	.824	1.27
Andrew Burr, *Furman*	SR	11	18	14	.778	1.27
Mark Klein, *Sam Houston St.*	SR	11	24	14	.583	1.27
Daniel Gipson, *Tennessee Tech*	SO	11	18	3	.722	1.18
Michael O'Neal, *Samford*	JR	11	19	13	.684	1.18
Franco Grilla, *Central Florida*	JR	11	21	13	.619	1.18
Cameron Bair, *Illinois St.*	JR	11	22	13	.591	1.18
Daniel Whitehead, *Liberty*	FR	11	17	12	.706	1.09
Gilad Landau, *Grambling*	FR	11	17	12	.706	1.09
Skip Shelton, *Nicholls St.*	JR	11	19	12	.632	1.09
Rick Schwendinger, *Nev.-Reno*	SR	11	20	12	.600	1.09
Jason McLaughlin, *Lafayette*	FR	11	21	12	.571	1.09

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Paul Ashby, *Alabama St.*	JR	17	520	2	30.59
David Lucas, *Florida A&M*	SR	21	596	3	28.38
Barry Bourassa, *New Hampshire*	JR	21	596	1	28.38
Jerry Ellison, *Tenn.-Chatt.*	SO	13	368	1	28.31
Kerry Lawyer, *Boise St.*	FR	16	448	0	28.00
Rob Tesch, *Montana St.*	JR	16	443	0	27.69
Torrence Forney, *Citadel*	JR	16	443	0	27.69
Cornell Johnson, *Southern-B.R.*	JR	24	655	0	27.29
Leon Brown, *Eastern Kentucky*	JR	19	507	0	26.68
Bryan Herrien, *Alcorn St.*	SR	21	552	1	26.29
Chris Pierce, *Rhode Island*	JR	18	473	2	26.28
Ray McElroy, *Eastern Ill.*	FR	15	393	0	26.20
Marcus Dowdell, *Tennessee St.*	SR	35	915	2	26.14
Horace Hamm, *Lehigh*	SR	15	371	1	24.73
Marcus Henderson, *Step. F. Aus.*	FR	22	543	1	24.68

FINAL DIVISION I-AA TEAM LEADERS

RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
VMI	11	703	3486	5.0	29	316.9
Delaware St.	11	628	3277	5.2	28	297.9
Yale	10	572	2950	5.2	24	295.0
Southwest Texas St.	11	653	3166	4.8	33	287.8
Citadel	11	678	3081	4.5	28	280.1
Delaware	11	575	3013	5.2	31	273.9
North Carolina A&T	11	566	3012	5.3	31	273.8
Eastern Kentucky	11	572	2902	5.1	38	263.8
Western Kentucky	11	585	2860	4.9	25	260.0
Furman	11	569	2728	4.8	28	248.0
Dartmouth	10	545	2457	4.5	21	245.7
Massachusetts	11	580	2660	4.6	19	241.8
Middle Tenn. St.	11	477	2641	5.5	32	240.1
Youngstown St.	11	593	2615	4.4	32	237.7
Southwest Mo. St.	11	556	2606	4.7	33	236.9
James Madison	11	525	2573	4.9	26	233.9
Harvard	10	533	2258	4.2	20	225.8
Austin Peay	11	593	2466	4.2	17	224.2
Alabama St.	11	496	2438	4.9	33	221.6
Indiana St.	11	547	2378	4.3	20	216.2

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Boise St.	11	356	928	2.6	10	84.4
South Carolina St.	11	404	938	2.3	10	85.3
Delaware St.	11	423	1079	2.6	17	98.1
McNeese St.	11	449	1089	2.4	9	99.0
Villanova	11	402	1122	2.8	8	102.0
Sam Houston St.	11	456	1165	2.6	7	105.9
Alabama St.	11	365	1170	3.2	8	106.4
Northern Iowa	11	448	1241	2.8	10	112.8
Delaware	11	396	1246	3.1	13	113.3
Eastern Kentucky	11	424	1266	3.0	6	115.1
North Carolina A&T	11	434	1270	2.9	14	115.5
Nevada	11	408	1293	3.2	12	117.5
Southwest Texas St.	11	397	1313	3.3	11	119.4
Alcorn St.	10	401	1266	3.2	14	126.6
Princeton	10	437	1297	3.0	13	129.7
New Hampshire	11	443	1444	3.3	13	131.3
Texas Southern	11	414	1457	3.5	10	132.5
Liberty	11	409	1475	3.6	14	134.1
Southern-B.R.	11	486	1501	3.1	16	136.5
Massachusetts	11	409	1507	3.7	11	137.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
Weber St.	11	986	6395	6.5	69	581.36
Nevada	11	900	5606	6.2	60	509.64
Idaho	11	833	5306	6.4	46	482.36
Holy Cross	11	818	5138	6.3	48	467.09
Lehigh	11	850	5133	6.0	46	466.64
Alcorn St.	10	695	4666	6.7	51	466.60
William & Mary	11	805	5082	6.3	47	462.00
Villanova	11	878	5034	5.7	53	457.64
Alabama St.	11	765	4715	6.2	58	428.64
Marshall	11	709	4705	6.6	50	427.73
New Hampshire	11	786	4695	6.0	48	426.82
Grambling	11	786	4684	6.0	39	425.82
Connecticut	11	836	4659	5.6	30	423.55
North Carolina A&T	11	787	4625	5.9	51	420.45
James Madison	11	739	4552	6.2	46	413.82
Northern Arizona	11	808	4539	5.6	34	412.64
Middle Tenn. St.	11	705	4517	6.4	38	410.64
Furman	11	759	4399	5.8	42	399.91
Delaware	11	760	4391	5.8	43	399.18
Central Florida	11	780	4345	5.6	31	395.00

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
South Carolina St.	11	682	2298	3.4	18	208.9
Villanova	11	689	2653	3.9	17	241.2
McNeese St.	11	751	2666	3.5	12	242.4
Northern Iowa	11	739	2680	3.6	20	243.6
Sam Houston St.	11	755	2878	3.8	14	261.6
Western Illinois	11	693	2930	4.2	18	266.4
Mississippi Val.	11	674	3017	4.5	24	274.3
Eastern Kentucky	11	709	3027	4.3	19	275.2
North Carolina A&T	11	698	3032	4.3	20	275.6
Georgia Southern	11	732	3112	4.3	17	282.9
Northwestern La.	11	736	3145	4.3	19	285.9
Southwest Texas St.	11	700	3179	4.5	22	289.0
Princeton	10	712	2895	4.1	22	289.5
Alcorn St.	10	709	2976	4.2	25	297.6
Alabama St.	11	718	3274	4.6	23	297.6
Illinois St.	11	754	3284	4.4	22	298.5
Nicholls St.	11	714	3305	4.6	23	300.5
Northeast La.	11	768	3344	4.4	19	304.0
Youngstown St.	11	742	3362	4.5	23	305.6
Southwest Mo. St.	11	752	3424	4.6	25	311.3

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gained			turnovers lost			margin/
	fum	int	total	fum	int	total	game
North Caro. A&T	23	22	45	10	10	20	2.27
Jackson St.	14	25	39	9	9	18	2.10
Boise St.	14	28	42	11	9	20	2.00
Samford	18	23	41	11	14	25	1.45
Alabama St.	16	21	37	13	9	22	1.36
Delaware St.	13	21	34	15	4	19	1.36
Southwest Tex. St.	20	14	34	16	5	21	1.18
Richmond	17	13	30	10	7	17	1.18
Northwestern La.	23	20	43	15	15	30	1.18
Northern Iowa	14	13	27	8	7	15	1.09
Eastern Illinois	15	12	27	9	6	15	1.09
Citadel	17	15	32	13	7	20	1.09
Youngstown St.	15	19	34	9	13	22	1.09
Nevada	15	22	37	8	18	26	1.00
Montana	15	16	31	6	14	20	1.00

PASSING OFFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Weber St.	11	516	320	17	62.0	4280	8.3	36	389.1
Idaho	11	424	251	12	59.2	3699	8.7	26	336.3
Alcorn St.	10	371	205	19	55.3	3299	8.9	28	329.9
Montana	11	487	262	14	53.8	3624	7.4	24	329.5
Nevada	11	432	245	18	56.7	3578	8.3	27	325.3
Lehigh	11	479	287	16	59.9	3566	7.4	31	324.2
Connecticut	11	465	269	19	57.8	3316	7.1	21	301.5
Liberty	11	436	262	22	60.1	3257	7.5	19	296.1
Holy Cross	11	403	239	20	59.3	3211	8.0	26	291.9
William & Mary	11	368	238	9	64.7	3099	8.4	20	281.7
Bethune-Cookman	10	445	221	18	49.7	2774	6.2	21	277.4
Marshall	11	298	186	8	62.4	3032	10.2	28	275.6
Northern Arizona	11	396	216	23	54.5	2978	7.5	13	270.7
New Hampshire	11	350	181	21	51.7	2765	7.9	26	251.4
Florida A&M	11	323	170	14	52.6	2764	8.6	20	251.3
Samford	11	429	224	14	52.2	2731	6.4	19	248.3
Villanova	11	377	232	18	61.5	2715	7.2	21	246.8
Boston U.	11	403	230	19	57.1	2710	6.7	18	246.4
Southeast Mo. St.	11	423	244	22	57.7	2653	6.3	17	241.2
Idaho St.	11	360	202	17	56.1	2645	7.3	24	240.5

PASSING EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
South Carolina St.	11	278	96	34.53	21	7.55	1360	4.89	8	2.88	70.01
Mississippi Val.	11	254	112	44.09	24	9.45	1343	5.29	7	2.76	78.71
McNeese St.	11	302	145	48.01	20	6.62	1577	5.22	3	.99	81.91
Georgia Southern	11	230	105	45.65	21	9.13	1341	5.83	6	2.61	84.98
Western Illinois	11	246	113	45.93	12	4.88	1338	5.44	5	2.03	88.57
Northeast La.	11	260	124	47.69	11	4.23	1252	4.82	8	3.08	89.83
Alcorn St.	10	308	125	40.58	14	4.55	1710	5.55	11	3.57	89.92
Villanova	11	287	142	49.48	21	7.32	1531	5.33	9	3.14	90.00
Jackson St.	10	244	97	39.75	25	10.25	1516	6.21	14	5.74	90.39
North Carolina A&T	11	264	118	44.70	22	8.33	1762	6.67	6	2.27	91.59
Northern Iowa	11	291	139	47.77	13	4.47	1439	4.95	10	3.44	91.71
Sam Houston St.	11	299	140	46.82	16	5.35	1713	5.73	7	2.34	91.97
Samford	11	341	177	51.91	23	6.74	1874	5.50	9	2.64	93.29
Appalachian St.	11	251	118	47.01	16	6.37	1543	6.15	6	2.39	93.79
Northwestern La.	11	269	129	47.96	20	7.43	1559	5.80	10	3.72	94.04
Boise St.	11	427	209	48.95	28	6.56	2500	5.85	13	3.04	95.06
Princeton	10	275	129	46.91	15	5.45	1598	5.81	9	3.27	95.61
Holy Cross	11	367	180	49.05	21	5.72	2029	5.53	13	3.54	95.73
Stephen F. Austin	11	222	100	45.05	10	4.50	1266	5.70	8	3.60	95.83
Alabama St.	11	353	157	44.48	21	5.95	2104	5.96	15	4.25	96.67

SCORING OFFENSE

	g	td	pts	avg
Nevada	11	66	496	45.1
Weber St.	11	69	495	45.0
Alabama St.	11	64	453	41.2
Marshall	11	55	414	37.6
Villanova	11	55	397	36.1
Alcorn St.	10	53	357	35.7
North Carolina A&T	11	55	381	34.6
Idaho	11	51	375	34.1
Holy Cross	11	50	372	33.8
Northern Iowa	11	44	366	33.3
Furman	11	46	363	33.0
Lehigh	11	50	363	33.0
Delaware	11	49	358	32.5
New Hampshire	11	49	356	32.4
Boise St.	11	44	355	32.3
James Madison	11	48	351	31.9
William & Mary	11	47	343	31.2
Eastern Kentucky	11	46	333	30.3
Samford	11	42	332	30.2
Youngstown St.	11	42	331	30.1

SCORING DEFENSE

	g	td	pts	avg
Villanova	11	18	132	12.0
McNeese St.	11	14	134	12.2
Sam Houston St.	11	16	145	13.2
Eastern Kentucky	11	19	147	13.4
Middle Tenn. St.	11	18	151	13.7
Samford	11	17	154	14.0
South Carolina St.	11	19	157	14.3
Northern Iowa	11	20	158	14.4
Georgia Southern	11	19	160	14.5
North Carolina A&T	11	23	163	14.8
Western Illinois	11	22	167	15.2
Northwestern La.	11	20	169	15.4
Alabama St.	11	23	170	15.5
Holy Cross	11	25	174	15.8
Northeast La.	11	21	175	15.9
Illinois St.	11	22	176	16.0
Southwest Tex. St.	11	22	179	16.3
Mississippi Val.	11	25	182	16.5
Citadel	11	24	183	16.6
Appalachian St.	11	22	188	17.1

Final Records

Division I-A

Atlantic Coast	conference W	L	T	overall W	L	T
Clemson	6	0	1	9	2	1
North Carolina St.	5	2	0	9	3	0
Georgia Tech	5	2	0	8	5	0
Virginia	4	2	1	8	3	1
North Carolina	3	4	0	7	4	0
Maryland	2	5	0	2	9	0
Duke	1	6	0	4	6	1
Wake Forest	1	6	0	3	8	0
Big East						
Miami	0	0	0	12	0	0
Syracuse	0	0	0	10	2	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	6	5	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	6	5	0
West Virginia	0	0	0	6	5	0
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	5	6	0
Boston College	0	0	0	4	7	0
Temple	0	0	0	2	9	0

Note: Because teams play an uneven number of games, the league standings are not kept. The team with the highest ranking in the USA TODAY/CNN Coaches' Poll was declared champion.

Big Eight	W	L	T	W	L	T
Nebraska	6	0	1	9	2	1
Colorado	6	0	1	8	3	1
Oklahoma	5	2	0	9	3	0
Kansas St.	4	3	0	7	4	0
Kansas	3	4	0	6	5	0
Iowa St.	1	5	1	3	7	1
Missouri	1	6	0	3	7	1
Oklahoma St.	0	6	1	0	10	1
Big Ten						
Michigan	8	0	0	10	2	0
Iowa	7	1	0	10	1	1
Ohio St.	5	3	0	8	4	0
Indiana	5	3	0	7	4	1
Illinois	4	4	0	6	6	0
Purdue	3	5	0	4	7	0
Michigan St.	3	5	0	3	8	0
Wisconsin	2	6	0	5	6	0
Northwestern	2	6	0	3	8	0
Minnesota	1	7	0	2	9	0
Big West						
Fresno St.	6	1	0	10	2	0
San Jose St.	6	1	0	6	4	1
Utah St.	5	2	0	5	6	0
Pacific	4	3	0	5	7	0
Nevada-Las Vegas	2	5	0	4	7	0
Long Beach St.	2	5	0	2	9	0
New Mexico St.	2	5	0	2	9	0
Cal St. Fullerton	1	6	0	2	9	0
Mid-America						
Bowling Green	8	0	0	11	1	0
Central Michigan	3	1	4	6	1	4
Miami (OH)	4	3	1	6	4	1
Toledo	4	3	1	5	5	1
Ball St.	4	4	0	6	5	0
Western Michigan	4	4	0	6	5	0
Eastern Michigan	3	4	1	3	7	1
Ohio	1	6	1	2	8	1
Kent	1	7	0	1	10	0
Pacific-10						
Washington	8	0	0	12	0	0
California	6	2	0	10	2	0
Stanford	6	2	0	8	4	0
UCLA	6	2	0	9	3	0
Arizona St.	4	4	0	6	5	0
Arizona	3	5	0	4	7	0
Washington St.	3	5	0	4	7	0
Southern Cal	2	6	0	3	8	0
Oregon	1	7	0	3	8	0
Oregon St.	1	7	0	1	10	0
Southeastern						
Florida	7	0	0	10	2	0
Alabama	6	1	0	11	1	0
Tennessee	5	2	0	9	3	0
Georgia	4	3	0	9	3	0
Mississippi St.	4	3	0	7	5	0
Louisiana St.	3	4	0	5	6	0
Vanderbilt	3	4	0	5	6	0
Auburn	2	5	0	5	6	0
Mississippi	1	6	0	5	6	0
Kentucky	0	7	0	3	8	0
Southwest						
Texas A&M	8	0	0	10	2	0
Baylor	5	3	0	8	4	0
Arkansas	5	3	0	6	6	0
Texas Tech	5	3	0	6	5	0
Texas Christian	4	4	0	7	4	0
Texas	4	4	0	5	6	0
Houston	3	5	0	4	7	0
Rice	2	6	0	4	7	0
Southern Methodist	0	8	0	1	10	0
Western Athletic						
Brigham Young	7	0	1	8	3	2
San Diego St.	6	1	1	8	4	1
Air Force	6	2	0	10	3	0
Utah	4	4	0	7	5	0
Hawaii	3	5	0	4	7	1
Wyoming	2	5	1	4	6	1
UTEP	2	5	1	4	7	1
Colorado St.	2	6	0	3	8	0
New Mexico	2	6	0	3	9	0
Independents						
East Carolina				11	1	0
Florida St.				11	2	0
Penn St.				11	2	0
Louisiana Tech				8	1	2
Tulsa				10	2	0
Notre Dame				10	3	0
Akron				5	6	0
Memphis St.				5	6	0
Army				4	7	0
Cincinnati				4	7	0
Southern Mississippi				4	7	0
South Carolina				3	6	2
Southwestern Louisiana				2	8	1
Louisville				2	9	0
Northern Illinois				2	9	0
Navy				1	10	0
Tulane				1	10	0

Division I-AA

Big Sky	conference W	L	T	overall W	L	T
Nevada	8	0	0	12	1	0
Weber St.	6	2	0	8	4	0
Montana	6	2	0	7	4	0
Boise St.	4	4	0	7	4	0
Idaho	4	4	0	6	5	0
Eastern Washington	4	4	0	5	6	0
Idaho St.	2	6	0	3	7	1
Northern Arizona	1	7	0	3	8	0
Montana St.	1	7	0	2	9	0
Gateway						
Northern Iowa	5	1	0	11	2	0
Southern Illinois	4	2	0	7	4	0
Western Illinois	4	2	0	7	4	1
SW Missouri St.	3	3	0	6	4	1
Indiana St.	2	4	0	5	6	0
Eastern Illinois	2	4	0	4	7	0
Illinois St.	1	5	0	5	6	0
Ivy League						
Dartmouth	6	0	1	7	2	1
Princeton	5	2	0	8	2	0
Harvard	4	2	1	4	5	1
Yale	4	3	0	6	4	0
Cornell	4	3	0	5	5	0
Pennsylvania	2	5	0	2	8	0
Brown	1	6	0	1	9	0
Columbia	1	6	0	1	9	0
Mid-Eastern Athletic						
North Carolina A&T	5	1	0	9	3	0
Delaware St.	4	2	0	8	3	0
Bethune-Cookman	4	2	0	5	5	0
South Carolina St.	3	3	0	7	4	0
Florida A&M	3	3	0	6	5	0
Howard	1	5	0	2	9	0
Morgan St.	1	5	0	1	10	0
Ohio Valley						
Eastern Kentucky	7	0	0	12	2	0
Middle Tenn. St.	6	1	0	9	4	0
Morehead St.	3	3	0	4	7	0
Austin Peay	3	4	0	5	6	0
SE Missouri St.	3	4	0	3	8	0
Tennessee St.	2	4	0	3	8	0
Tennessee Tech	2	5	0	2	9	0
Murray St.	1	6	0	3	8	0
Patriot League						
Holy Cross	5	0	0	11	0	0
Lehigh	3	2	0	9	2	0
Lafayette	3	2	0	6	5	0
Colgate	3	2	0	4	7	0
Bucknell	1	4	0	1	9	0
Fordham	0	5	0	2	8	0
Southern						
Appalachian St.	6	1	0	8	4	0
Marshall	5	2	0	11	4	0
Citadel	5	2	0	7	4	0
Furman	4	3	0	7	4	0
UT-Chattanooga	4	3	0	7	4	0
Virginia Military	2	5	0	4	7	0
Western Carolina	2	5	0	2	9	0
East Tennessee St.	0	7	0	1	10	0
Southland						
McNeese St.	4	1	2	6	4	2
Sam Houston St.	5	2	0	8	3	1
NE Louisiana	4	2	1	7	3	1
Southwest Texas St.	4	3	0	7	4	0
NW Louisiana	4	3	0	6	5	0
Nicholls St.	2	5	0	4	7	0
North Texas	2	5	0	3	7	1
Stephen F. Austin	1	5	1	2	8	1
Southwestern Athletic						
Alabama St.	6	0	1	11	0	1
Alcorn St.	4	2	1	7	2	1
Southern-B. R.	4	3	0	4	7	0
Mississippi Valley	3	3	1	7	3	1
Texas Southern	3	3	1	5	5	1
Grambling	3	4	0	5	6	0
Jackson St.	2	4	0	5	5	0
Prairie View	0	6	0	0	11	0
Yankee						
Delaware	7	1	0	10	2	0
Villanova	7	1	0	10	2	0
New Hampshire	7	1	0	9	3	0
Rhode Island	3	5	0	6	5	0
Boston U.	3	5	0	4	7	0
Massachusetts	3	5	0	4	7	0
Connecticut	2	6	0	3	8	0
Maine	2	6	0	3	8	0
Richmond	2	6	0	2	9	0
Independents						
Samford				12	2	0
Youngstown St.				12	3	0
James Madison				9	4	0
Georgia Southern				7	4	0
Central Florida				6	5	0
William & Mary				5	6	0
Liberty				4	7	0
Northeastern				4	7	0
Western Kentucky				3	8	0
Arkansas St.				1	10	0
Towson St.				1	10	0

Division II

Central Intercollegiate Athletic	conference W	L	T	overall W	L	T
Winston-Salem	6	0	0	9	3	0
Virginia Union	5	1	0	8	4	0
Elizabeth City St.	5	1	0	7	2	0
Norfolk St.	5	1	0	7	3	0
Livingstone	3	3	0	5	5	0
N.C. Central	3	3	0	4	6	0
Johnson Smith	2	4	0	2	7	1
Bowie St.	1	5	0	4	5	0
Virginia St.	1	5	0	3	7	0
Hampton	1	5	0	2	9	0
Fayetteville St.	0	6	0	0	10	0
Gulf South						
Jacksonville St.	6	0	0	12	1	0
Mississippi College	4	1	1	7	4	1
Valdosta St.	4	1	1	6	3	1
Livingston	2	4	0	6	5	0
West Georgia	2	4	0	6	5	0
Delta St.	1	5	0	3	7	0
North Alabama	1	5	0	3	7	0
Lone Star						
Eastern New Mex.	5	1	0	7	3	1
East Texas St.	4	1	1	8	4	1
Angelo St.	4	1	1	6	3	1
Texas A&I	4	2	0	7	3	0
Cameron	1	5	0	3	7	0
Central Oklahoma	1	5	0	3	7	0
Abilene Christian	1	5	0	1	9	0
Midwest Intercollegiate						
Butler	9	1	0	9	2	0
Grand Valley St.	8	2	0	9	3	0
Ashland	8	2	0	9	2	0
Ferris St.	5	5	0	5	6	0
Hillsdale	5	5	0	5	6	0
Saginaw Valley	5	5	0	6	5	0
Wayne St. (MI)	4	6	0	4	6	0
St. Joseph's (IN)	4	6	0	4	6	0
Northern Michigan	3	6	1	3	6	1
Indianapolis	2	8	0	2	8	0
Valparaiso	1	8	1	1	8	1
Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic						
Pittsburg St.	8	0	1	13	1	1
Missouri Southern	7	2	0	8	3	0
SW Baptist	5	4	0	7	4	0
Central Missouri St.	5	4	0	5	6	0
NE Missouri St.	5	4	0	5	6	0
Emporia St.	4	5	0	5	5	0
NW Missouri St.	4	5	0	5	6	0
Missouri-Rolla	3	5	1	4	6	1
Missouri Western	2	7	0	4	7	0
Washburn	1	8	0	1	10	0
North Central						
North Dakota St.	7	1	0	7	3	0
Northern Colorado	6	2	0	8	3	0
North Dakota	6	2	0	7	2	0
Mankato St.	5	3	0	8	4	0
South Dakota St.	5	3	0	7	3	0
St. Cloud St.	5	3	0	6	3	0
Nebraska-Omaha	4	4	0	6	4	0
Morningside	1	7	0	2	8	0
South Dakota	1	7	0	1	8	0
Augustana (SD)	0	8	0	0	10	0
Northern California Athletic						
Sonoma St.	5	0	0	9	2	0
UC Davis	3	2	0	7	3	0
Humboldt St.	2	3	0	5	5	0
Cal St. Chico	2	3	0	4	6	0
San Francisco St.	2	3	0	3	7	0
Cal St. Hayward	1	4	0	3	7	0
Pennsylvania State Athletic						
Western Division						
Indiana	6	0	0	12	1	0
Shippensburg	4	2	0	10	3	0
Slippery Rock	4	2	0	6	4	0
Edinboro	3	3	0	7	4	0
Clarion	2	4	0	5	5	0
Lock Haven	2	4	0	4	7	0
California	0	6	0	1	9	0
Eastern Division						
East Stroudsburg	5	0	1	8	3	1
Kutztown	4	2	0	6	4	0
Bloomsburg	4	2	0	5	5	0
West Chester	3	3	0	6	5	0
Millersville	2	3	1	4	5	1
Mansfield	2	4	0	5	5	1
Cheyney	0	6	0	0	11	0
Rocky Mountain Athletic						
Western St.	6	0	0	10	2	0
Fort Hays St.	4	2	0	8	3	0
Colorado Mines	3	3	0	6	4	0
Chadron St.	3	3	0	5	5	1
Mesa St.	3	3	0	3	7	0
Adams St.	2	4	0	6	4	0
Fort Lewis	0	6	0	2	8	0
N.M. Highlands*	—	—	—	1	9	0

**Ineligible for conference championship*

South Atlantic

Carson-Newman	6	1	0	7	5	0
Catawba	5	2	0	7	3	0
Lenoir-Rhyne	4	3	0	6	5	0
Wingate	3	4	0	6	4	0
Elon	3	4	0	6	5	0
Gardner-Webb	3	4	0	6	5	0
Presbyterian	3	4	0	4	7	0
Mars Hill	1	6	0	3	7	0

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic

Fort Valley St.	5	2	0	7	3	0
Clark Atlanta	5	2	0	6	3	1
Tuskegee	5	2	0	6	4	0
Morehouse	5	2	0	6	4	0
Alabama A&M	5	2	0	5	6	0
Savannah St.	4	3	0	7	4	0
Albany St. (GA)	2	6	0	3	7	0
Morris Brown	1	5	0	4	6	0
Miles	0	8	0	1	10	0

Western Football

Portland St.	5	0	0	11	3	0
Southern Utah	4	1	0	7	3	1
Cal St. Sacramento	3	2	0	8	2	0
Cal Poly SLO	2	3	0	4	6	0
Cal St. Northridge	1	4	0	3	7	0
Santa Clara	0	5	0	5	6	0

Independents

Wofford	9	3	0
Shepherd	8	2	0
Springfield	7	3	0
Southern Connecticut St.	6	3	0
Michigan Tech	6	4	0
Minnesota-Duluth	6	4	0
UC Santa Barbara	5	3	0
St. Mary's (CA)	6	5	0
Tennessee-Martin	5	6	0
Troy St.	5	6	0
American International	4	5	1
West Liberty St.	4	5	1
Nebraska-Kearney	4	6	1
New Haven	3	7	0
Wayne St. (NE)	3	7	0
Bemidji St.	2	7	0
Kentucky St.	2	9	0
Central Connecticut St.	1	8	1
Winona St.	1	9	0
Newberry	1	10	0

Division III

conference *overall*

Association of Mideast Colleges

	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thomas Moore	3	0	0	10	0	0
Defiance	2	1	0	8	2	0
Wilmington	1	2	0	1	9	0
Bluffton	0	3	0	1	8	0

Atlantic Collegiate

St. Francis (PA)	3	0	0	6	3	0
Marist	2	1	0	6	4	0
Gallaudet	1	2	0	1	7	1
St. John Fisher	0	3	0	0	9	0

Centennial

Dickinson	7	0	0	9	1	0
Franklin & Marshall	5	2	0	6	4	0
Western Maryland	4	3	0	5	5	0
Johns Hopkins	3	4	0	5	4	1
Ursinus	3	4	0	5	5	0
Muhlenberg	3	4	0	3	7	0
Gettysburg	2	5	0	2	7	0
Swarthmore	1	6	0	2	7	0

College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin

Augustana	7	1	0	8	1	0
Wesleyan	6	1	1	7	1	1
Wheaton	6	1	1	7	1	1
Millikin	5	3	0	6	3	0
Carroll	4	4	0	5	4	0
North Central	3	5	0	4	5	0
Elmhurst	2	6	0	2	7	0
Carthage	2	6	0	3	6	0
North Park	0	8	0	0	9	0

Eastern Collegiate

Stonehill	5	0	0	5	4	0
Bentley	4	1	0	5	4	0
Siena	2	3	0	3	5	0
W. New England	2	3	0	3	5	0
Assumption	1	4	0	1	8	0
MIT	1	4	0	1	7	0

Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic

Simpson	8	0	0	10	1	0
Central	7	1	0	8	1	0
Loras	5	3	0	7	3	0
Wartburg	5	3	0	6	4	0
Luther	5	3	0	5	4	0
Upper Iowa	2	6	0	2	8	0
William Penn	2	6	0	2	8	0
Dubuque	1	7	0	1	8	0
Buena Vista	1	7	0	1	9	0

Liberty

St. John's (NY)	4	1	0	6	4	0
Iona	3	1	1	7	2	1
LIU-C.W. Post	3	2	0	4	6	0
Stony Brook	2	3	0	6	4	0
Merchant Marine	1	3	1	2	6	1
Pace	1	4	0	2	8	0

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic

Albion	4	0	1	8	1	1
Olivet	4	0	1	7	1	1
Hope	2	3	0	5	4	0
Kalamazoo	2	3	0	5	4	0
Adrian	1	4	0	4	5	0
Alma	1	4	0	4	5	0

Middle Atlantic

Lycoming	8	0	0	10	1	0
Susquehanna	7	1	0	11	2	0
Moravian	5	3	0	7	3	0
Lebanon Valley	5	3	0	6	3	1
Albright	3	5	0	5	5	0
Delaware Valley	3	5	0	3	7	0
Juniata	3	5	0	3	7	0
Widener	2	6	0	3	7	0
Wilkes	0	8	0	1	9	0

Midwest

North Division

Beloit	4	0	0	9	1	0
Ripon	2	2	0	5	4	0
St. Norbert	2	2	0	4	5	0
Lawrence	2	2	0	3	6	0
Lake Forest	0	4	0	2	7	0

South Division

Coe+	5	0	0	9	2	0
Cornell College	4	1	0	7	2	0
Monmouth (Il)	3	2	0	4	5	0
Knox	2	3	0	3	6	0
Grinnell	1	4	0	2	7	0
Illinois College	0	5	0	2	7	0

+ Coe defeated Beloit, 26-10, in championship playoff.

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic

St. John's	8	0	0	11	1	0
St. Olaf	6	2	0	7	2	0
Bethel	5	3	0	6	3	0
St. Thomas	5	3	0	6	3	0
Gust. Adolphus	5	3	0	5	4	0
Hamline	4	4	0	5	4	0
Carleton	3	5	0	3	6	0
Concordia-Moohead	3	5	0	3	6	0
Augsburg	1	7	0	2	7	0
Macalester	0	8	0	1	8	0

New England

Northern Division

Mass.-Lowell	5	0	0	10	1	0
Maine Maritime	3	2	0	5	3	0
Plymouth St.	3	2	0	6	3	1
Mass.-Boston	2	3	0	4	5	0
Nichols	2	3	0	4	5	0
Curry	0	5	0	0	9	0

Southern Division

Bridgewater (MA)	6	0	0	8	2	0
Mass.-Dartmouth	4	2	0	6	3	0
Mass. Maritime	4	2	0	6	3	0
Westfield St.+	3	3	0	4	6	0
Framingham St.	1	5	0	2	6	0
Worcester St.+	1	5	0	2	8	0
Fitchburg St.	1	5	0	2	7	0

+ Does not include Westfield St. forfeit to Worcester St. for ineligible player.

New England Small College Athletic

Williams	7	1	0	7	1	0
Trinity (CT)	6	0	1	6	1	1
Tufts	5	3	0	5	3	0
Colby	5	3	0	5	3	0
Hamilton	4	2	1	4	3	1
Bowdoin	4	3	0	4	4	0
Wesleyan	2	5	0	3	5	0
Middlebury	2	5	0	2	6	0
Amherst	0	6	1	0	7	1
Bates	0	7	1	0	7	1

New Jersey Athletic

Glassboro St.	5	1	0	9	2	0
William Paterson	4	1	1	8	1	1
Ramapo	4	2	0	6	4	0
Trenton St.	3	2	1	5	3	1
Montclair St.	3	3	0	5	5	0
Kean	1	5	0	3	7	0
Jersey City St.	0	6	0	0	9	1

North Coast Athletic

Allegheny	7	0	0	11	1	0
Case Reserve	5	1	0	7	3	0
Ohio Wesleyan	6	2	0	8	2	0
Wittenberg	5	3	0	5	5	0
Kenyon	3	4	0	5	5	0
Denison	3	4	0	3	7	0
Wooster	3	5	0	3	7	0
Earlham	1	6	0	1	8	0
Oberlin	0	8	0	0	9	0

Ohio Athletic

Baldwin-Wallace	9	0	0	10	1	0
Mount Union	7	1	1	8	1	1
Muskingum	6	3	0	7	3	0
John Carroll	5	2	2	5	3	2
Capital	5	3	1	6	3	1
Heidelberg	4	4	1	4	5	1
Ohio Northern	3	5	1	3	6	1
Otterbein	2	7	0	2	8	0
Hiram	1	8	0	1	9	0
Marietta	0	9	0	0	10	0

Old Dominion Athletic

Guilford	4	1	0	8	2	0
Emory & Henry	4	1	0	8	2	0
Hampden-Sydney	3	2	0	7	2	1
Randolph-Macon	3	2	0	4	6	0
Bridgewater (VA)	1	4	0	2	8	0
Washington & Lee	0	5	0	1	9	0

Presidents' Athletic

Washington & Jefferson	4	0	0	8	2	0
Waynesburg	3	1	0	6	3	0
Thiel	2	2	0	5	4	0
Grove City	1	3	0	3	6	0
Bethany (WV)	0	4	0	2	7	0

Southern Collegiate Athletic

Millsaps	3	1	0	7	2	0
Sewanee	2	1	1	7	1	1
Rhodes	2	1	1	6	2	1
Centre	2	2	0	5	5	0
Trinity (TX)	0	4	0	1	9	0

Southern California Athletic

Redlands	5	0	0	7	2	0
La Verne	4	1	0	7	2	0
Occidental	3	2	0	5	4	0
Whittier	2	3	0	3	6	0
Pomona-Pitzer	1	4	0	2	6	0
Claremont-M-S.	0	5	0	0	9	0

University Athletic

Carnegie Mellon	4	0	0	9	1	0
Rochester	3	1	0	7	3	0
Case Reserve	2	2	0	7	3	0
Washington (MO)	1	3	0	6	4	0
Chicago	0	4	0	0	10	0

Wisconsin State University

Wis.-La Crosse	7	1	0	10	2	0
Wis.-Stevens Point	6	2	0	6	3	1
Wis.-Whitewater	6	2	0	6	4	0
Wis.-Platteville	4	3	1	6	3	1
Wis.-Oshkosh	4	4	0	5	5	0
Wis.-Stout	3	5	0	5	5	0
Wis.-River Falls	2	5	1	4	5	1
Wis.-Superior	1	6	1	2	6	1
Wis.-Eau Claire	1	6	1	2	7	1

Independents

Dayton	13	1	0
Ithaca	12	1	0
Eureka	10	1	0
Union (NY)	10	1	0
Wesley	9	2	0
Buffalo St.	8	2	0
Hofstra	8	2	0
Ferrum	7	2	0
Worcester Tech	7	2	0
Wabash	7	2	0
Nebraska Wesleyan	8	3	0
Alfred	7	3	0
Cortland St.	7	3	0
Frostburg St.	7	3	0
Maryville (TN)	7	3	0
San Diego	7	3	0
Coast Guard	6	3	0
MacMurray	6	3	1
Aurora	5	3	1
DePauw	6	4	0
Georgetown (DC)	6	4	0
St. Lawrence	6	4	0
Upsala	6	4	0
Mercyhurst	5	4	0
Sacred Heart	5	4	0
Alabama-Birmingham	4	3	2
Albany (NY)	5	5	0
Brockport St.	5	5	0
Cal Lutheran	5	5	0
Catholic	5	5	0
Evansville	5	5	0
Wagner	5	5	0
N'western Col. (WI)	4	4	0
St. Peter's	4	4	0
Davidson	4	5	0
Rensselaer	4	5	0
Drake	4	6	0
Charleston So.	3	6	0
Colorado College	3	6	0
Buffalo	3	7	0
Gannon	3	7	0
Hobart	3	7	0
Quincy	3	7	0
Rose-Hulman	3	7	0
Concordia (IL)	2	6	0
Canisius	2	7	0
FDU-Madison	2	7	0
Menlo	2	7	0
Principia	2	7	0
Illinois Benedictine	2	8	0
Kentucky Wesleyan	2	8	0
Methodist	2	8	0
Norwich	2	8	0
Salisbury St.	1	9	0
Western Connecticut St.	1	9	0
Blackburn	0	9	0
Duquesne	0	9	0

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Television Schedule

Wednesday, August 26
Texas A&M vs. Stanford 9:00 PM (Raycom)
Saturday, August 29
Iowa vs. North Carolina State 9:00 PM (Raycom)
Thursday, September 3
Oklahoma at Texas Tech 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, September 5
Texas A&M at Louisiana State 3:30 PM (ABC)
Notre Dame at Northwestern 3:30 PM (ABC)
Miami at Iowa 8:00 PM (ABC)
Thursday, September 10
San Diego State at Brigham Young 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, September 12
Michigan at Notre Dame 12:30 PM (NBC)
Texas at Syracuse 3:30 PM (ABC)
Tennessee at Georgia 3:30 PM (ABC)
Missouri at Illinois 3:30 PM (ABC)
Bowling Green at Ohio State 3:30 PM (ABC)
Oregon at Stanford 3:30 PM (ABC)
Florida State at Clemson 7:30 PM (ESPN)
Thursday, September 17
Pittsburgh at Rutgers 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, September 19
Florida at Tennessee 12:00 Noon (ABC)
Southern Cal at Oklahoma 12:00 Noon (ABC)
Notre Dame at Michigan State 3:30 PM (ABC)
Ohio State at Syracuse 6:30 PM (ESPN)
Thursday, September 24
California at Kansas 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, September 26
Purdue at Notre Dame 12:30 PM (NBC)
Thursday, October 1
Florida at Mississippi State 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, October 3
Stanford at Notre Dame 12:30 PM (NBC)
Thursday, October 8
Colorado at Missouri 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, October 10
Notre Dame at Pittsburgh 7:30 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, October 24
Brigham Young at Notre Dame 12:30 PM (NBC)
Thursday, October 29
Southern Mississippi at East Carolina 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Thursday, November 5
Iowa State at Kansas State 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, November 7
Boston College at Notre Dame 1:30 PM (NBC)
Thursday, November 12
Texas A&M at Houston 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, November 14
Illinois at Michigan 12:00 Noon (ABC)
Penn State at Notre Dame 1:30 PM (NBC)
Saturday, November 21
Michigan at Ohio State
12:00 Noon (ABC)
Thursday, November 26
Auburn at Alabama 1:00 PM (ABC)
Texas A&M at Texas 7:30 PM (ESPN)
Friday, November 27
Nebraska at Oklahoma 1:30 PM (ABC)
Louisiana State at Arkansas 4:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, November 28
Grambling vs. Southern University 1:30 PM (NBC)
Notre Dame at Southern Cal 8:00 PM (ABC)
Saturday, December 5
Army vs. Navy 12:00 Noon (ABC)
SEC Championship Game 3:30 PM (ABC)
Friday, December 18
Las Vegas Bowl 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Friday, December 25
Blue-Gray Classic 12 Noon (ABC)
Aloha Bowl 3:30 PM (ABC)
Tuesday, December 29
Copper Bowl 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Wednesday, December 30
Holiday Bowl 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Thursday, December 31
Independence Bowl 12:30 PM (ESPN)
Gator Bowl 6:00 PM (TBS)
Liberty Bowl 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Friday, January 1
Hall of Fame Bowl 11:00 AM (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl 1:00 PM (NBC)
Blockbuster Bowl 1:30 PM (CBS)
Florida Citrus Bowl 1:30 PM (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl 4:30 PM (NBC)
Rose Bowl 5:00 PM (ABC)
Orange Bowl 8:00 PM (NBC)
Sugar Bowl 8:30 PM (ABC)
Saturday, January 2
Peach Bowl 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, January 16
Senior Bowl 2:00 PM (ESPN)
Hula Bowl 4:00 PM (NBC)
Sunday, January 24
East-West Shrine Classic 4:00 PM (ESPN)

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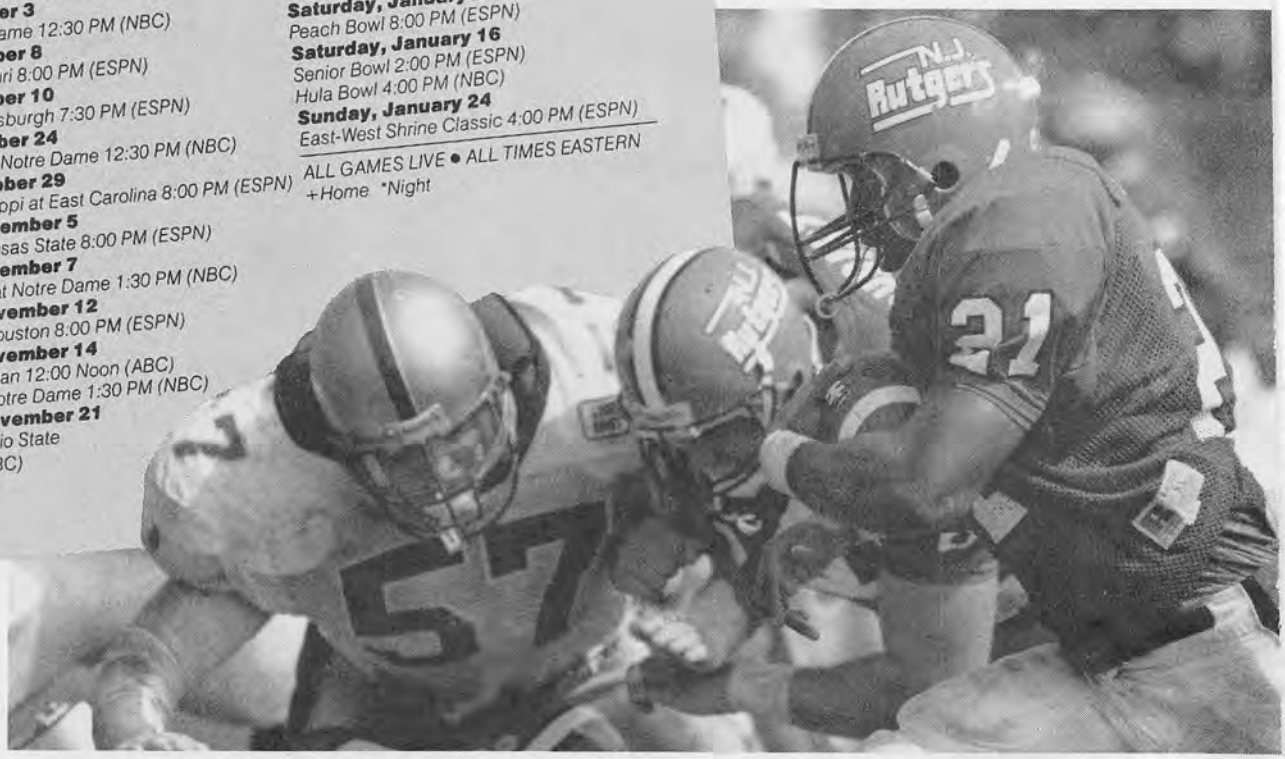

AIR FORCE ACADEMY
Colorado Springs, CO

S. 5	Rice +	
S. 12	Hawaii +	24-20
S. 19	Wyoming	51-28
S. 26	New Mexico +	32-34
O. 3	Texas-El Paso*	20-13
O. 10	Navy +	46-6
O. 17	Colorado St. +	31-26
O. 24	San Diego St.	21-20
O. 31	Utah +	24-21
N. 7	Army	25-0
N. 14	Brigham Young +	7-21

Coach: Fisher DeBerry • Colors: Blue & Silver
Nickname: Falcons • 1991 Record: 10-3

AKRON Akron, OH

S. 5	Eastern Michigan*	
S. 12	Toledo +*	
S. 19	Western Michigan	12-35
O. 3	Ohio University	
O. 10	Kent State	
O. 17	Ball State	
O. 24	Bowling Green +	
O. 31	Central Michigan +	29-31
N. 7	Temple +	37-32
N. 14	Youngstown St. +	38-24
N. 21	Cincinnati*	

Coach: Gerry Faust • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Zips • 1991 Record: 5-6

ALABAMA Tuscaloosa, AL

S. 5	Vanderbilt +	48-17
S. 12	Southern Miss + @	
S. 19	Arkansas* #	
S. 26	Louisiana Tech +	
O. 3	South Carolina +	
O. 10	Tulane*	62-0
O. 17	Tennessee	24-19
O. 24	Mississippi +	
N. 7	Louisiana State*	20-17
N. 14	Mississippi St.	13-7
N. 26	Auburn +	13-6

@ At Birmingham, AL
 # At Little Rock, AR

Coach: Gene Stallings • Colors: Crimson & White
Nickname: Crimson Tide • 1991 Record: 11-1

ALABAMA STATE Montgomery, AL

S. 12 Southern * 19-16
S. 19 Alcorn State 18-13
S. 26 Troy State * 22-19
O. 3 Central State @
O. 10 Jackson State +* 28-27
O. 17 Texas Southern #* 14-14
O. 24 Prairie View +* 92-0
O. 31 Alabama A&M $ 59-13
N. 7 Grambling 60-14
N. 14 Miss. Valley St. + 48-20
@ At Indianapolis, IN
 # At Mobile, AL
$ At Birmingham, AL

Coach: Houston Markham • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Hornets • 1991 Record: 11-0-1

ALCORN STATE Lorman, AL

S. 5 Grambling St. +@ 27-22
S. 19 Alabama St. + 13-18
S. 26 Howard 46-27
O. 3 Sam Houston St. *
O. 10 Texas Southern + 7-26
O. 17 Prairie View 61-0
O. 24 Southern + 52-29
O. 31 Jacksonville St.
N. 7 Miss. Valley St. 28-28
N. 21 Jackson State + 18-16
@ At Shreveport, LA

Coach: Cardell Jones • Colors:Purple & Gold
Nickname: Braves • 1991 Record: 7-2-1

APPALACHIAN STATE Boone, NC

S. 5 North Carolina St.
S. 12 Wake Forest * 17-3
S. 26 East Tennessee St. + 21-14
O. 3 The Citadel + 10-17
O. 10 James Madison 8-31
O. 17 VMI 24-19
O. 24 Furman + 26-23
O. 31 UT-Chattanooga* 42-7
N. 7 Marshall 9-3
N. 14 North Carolina A&T +
N. 21 Western Carolina + 24-14

Coach: Jerry Moore • Colors:Black & Gold
Nickname: Mountaineers • 1991 Record: 8-4

ARIZONA Tucson, AZ

S. 5 Utah State +*
S. 12 Washington St. +* 27-40
S. 19 Oregon State 45-21
S. 26 Miami 9-36
O. 3 UCLA +* 14-54
O. 17 Stanford 28-23
O. 24 California 21-23
O. 31 New Mexico St. +*
N. 7 Washington +* 0-54
N. 14 Southern Cal 31-14
N. 21 Arizona State +* 14-37

Coach: Dick Tomey • Colors: Cardinal & Navy
Nickname: Wildcats • 1991 Record: 4-7

ARIZONA STATE Tempe, AZ

S. 5 Washington +* 16-44
S. 19 Louisville +*
S. 26 Nebraska 9-18
O. 3 Oregon 24-21
O. 10 Pacific +*
O. 17 Oregon State +* 24-7
O. 24 UCLA 16-21
O. 31 Southern Cal +* 32-25
N. 7 Washington St. 3-17
N. 14 California +* 6-25
N. 21 Arizona* 37-14

Coach: Bruce Snyder • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Sun Devils • 1991 Record: 6-5

ARKANSAS Fayetteville, AR

S. 5 The Citadel +
S. 12 South Carolina*
S. 19 Alabama @*
S. 26 Memphis State*
O. 3 Georgia +
O. 10 Tennessee
O. 17 Mississippi +* 17-24
O. 31 Auburn
N. 7 Mississippi St.
N. 21 Southern Methodist + 17-6
N. 27 Louisiana State +
@ At Little Rock, AR

Coach: Jack Crowe • Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Razorbacks • 1991 Record: 6-6

ARKANSAS STATE Jonesboro, AR

S. 5 Toledo*
S. 12 Oklahoma
S. 19 Northern Illinois + 21-22
S. 26 Southern Illinois +
O. 3 NW Louisiana + 3-28
O. 10 Troy State + 20-17
O. 17 Memphis State* 21-31
O. 24 Mississippi St.
O. 31 Louisiana Tech* 10-42
N. 14 East Carolina
N. 21 SW Louisiana* 13-17

Coach: Ray Perkins • Colors: Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Indians • 1991 Record: 1-10

ARMY West Point, NY

S. 12 Holy Cross +
S. 19 North Carolina* 12-20
S. 26 The Citadel + 14-20
O. 10 Lafayette +
O. 17 Rutgers @ 12-14
O. 24 Wake Forest
O. 31 Eastern Michigan +
N. 7 Air Force 0-25
N. 14 Northern Illinois +
N. 21 Boston College + 17-28
D. 5 Navy # 3-24
@ At East Rutherford, NJ
 # At Philadelphia, PA

Coach: Bob Sutton • Colors: Black, Gold & Gray
Nickname: Cadets • 1991 Record: 4-7

AUBURN Auburn, AL

S. 5 Mississippi* 23-13
S. 12 Samford +*
S. 19 Louisiana St. +*
S. 26 Southern Miss + 9-10
O. 3 Vanderbilt + 24-22
O. 10 Mississippi St.* 17-24
O. 17 Florida 10-31
O. 24 SW Louisiana + 50-7
O. 31 Arkansas +
N. 14 Georgia + 27-37
N. 26 Alabama 6-13

Coach: Pat Dye • Colors: Burnt Orange & Navy Blue
Nickname: Tigers • 1991 Record: 5-6

AUSTIN PEAY Clarksville, TN

S. 5 Eastern Illinois + *
S. 12 Knoxville College + *
S. 19 Southern Illinois* 17-21
S. 26 Southeast Missouri St.* 24-21
O. 3 Murray State 27-9
O. 10 Middle Tennessee St. 8-23
O. 17 Tennessee Tech + 7-32
O. 24 Tennessee State 31-17
O. 31 Morehead State + 14-33
N. 14 Eastern Kentucky + 0-21
N. 21 Tennessee-Martin + 28-34

Coach: Roy Gregory • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Governors • 1991 Record: 5-6

BALL STATE Muncie, IN

S. 5 Clemson
S. 12 Kansas
S. 19 Kent St. 28-27
S. 26 Miami (OH) + 7-15
O. 3 Western Michigan 16-25
O. 10 Eastern Michigan + 10-8
O. 17 Akron +
O. 24 Central Michigan +
O. 31 Ohio University 10-6
N. 7 Toledo + 9-3
N. 14 Bowling Green 13-14

Coach: Paul Schudel • Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Cardinals • 1991 Record: 6-5

BAYLOR Waco, TX

S. 5 Louisiana Tech +*
S. 12 Colorado +* 16-14
S. 19 Utah State +*
S. 26 Texas Tech* 24-31
O. 3 Southern Methodist + 45-7
O. 10 Texas Christian* 26-9
O. 17 Houston + 38-21
O. 24 Texas A&M 12-34
N. 7 Georgia Tech +
N. 14 Rice 17-20
N. 21 Texas + 21-11

Coach: Grant Teaff • Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Bears • 1991 Record: 8-4

BETHUNE-COOKMAN Daytona Beach, FL

S. 5 Savannah St. @* 20-35
S. 12 Central Florida* 6-32
S. 19 Delaware St. # 28-20
S. 26 Samford +
O. 10 Howard 20-14
O. 17 South Carolina St. 24-21
O. 24 Albany State + 25-30
O. 31 North Carolina A&T 24-39
N. 14 Norfolk State +
N. 21 Morgan State 38-6
N. 28 Florida A&M $ 28-46
@ At Jacksonville, FL
 # At Ft. Lauderdale, FL
$ At Tampa, FL

Coach: Slyvester Collins • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Wildcats • 1991 Record: 5-5

BOISE STATE Boise, ID

S. 5 UT-Chattanooga +*
S. 12 Idaho State* 38-16
S. 19 Pacific +*
S. 26 Stephen F. Austin* 38-7
O. 3 Montana +* 7-21
O. 10 Northern Arizona* 57-14
O. 17 Weber State +* 32-35
O. 24 Portland State +*
O. 31 Montana State 31-14
N. 14 Eastern Washington 31-17
N. 21 Idaho + 24-28

Coach: Skip Hall • Colors: Blue & Orange
Nickname: Broncos • 1991 Record: 7-4

BOSTON COLLEGE Chestnut Hill, MA

S. 5 Rutgers + 13-20
S. 12 Northwestern +
S. 19 Navy +
S. 26 Michigan State +
O. 3 West Virginia 24-31
O. 17 Penn State 21-28
O. 24 Tulane*
O. 31 Temple + 33-13
N. 7 Notre Dame
N. 14 Syracuse + 16-38
N. 21 Army 28-17

Coach: Tom Coughlin • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Golden Eagles • 1991 Record: 4-7

BOSTON UNIVERSITY Boston, MA

S. 5 Temple
S. 19 William & Mary 24-48
S. 26 Massachusetts 7-15
O. 3 Villanova + 6-56
O. 10 Delaware 21-35
O. 17 Richmond + 18-32
O. 24 Rhode Island 43-0
O. 31 New Hampshire + 26-45
N. 7 Maine 27-0
N. 14 Connecticut + 29-26
N. 21 Northeastern +

Coach: Dan Allen • Colors: Scarlet & White
Nickname: Terriers • 1991 Record: 4-7

BOWLING GREEN Bowling Green, OH

S. 5 Western Michigan + 23-10
S. 12 Ohio State
S. 19 Wisconsin
S. 26 East Carolina +
O. 3 Central Michigan 17-10
O. 10 Ohio University +
O. 17 Toledo* 24-21
O. 24 Akron
O. 31 Miami (OH) + 17-7
N. 7 Kent 35-7
N. 14 Ball State + 14-13

Coach: Gary Blackney • Colors: Orange & Brown
Nickname: Falcons • 1991 Record: 10-1

BRIGHAM YOUNG Provo, UT

S. 5 Texas-El Paso* 31-29
S. 10 San Diego State +* 52-52
S. 19 UCLA + 23-27
S. 26 Hawaii* 35-18
O. 2 Utah State +* 38-10
O. 10 Fresno State +
O. 17 Wyoming 56-31
O. 24 Notre Dame
O. 31 Penn State + 7-33
N. 7 New Mexico + 41-23
N. 14 Air Force 21-7
N. 21 Utah 48-17

Coach: LaVell Edwards
Colors: Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Cougars • 1991 Record: 8-3-2

BROWN Providence, RI

S. 19 Yale + 20-36
S. 26 Bucknell
O. 3 William & Mary
O. 10 Princeton 37-59
O. 17 Lehigh +
O. 24 Pennsylvania + 19-28
O. 31 Cornell 17-20
N. 7 Harvard 29-35
N. 14 Dartmouth + 13-45
N. 21 Columbia 28-23

Coach: Mickey Kwiatkowski
Colors: Brown, Cardinal & White
Nickname: Bruins, Bears • 1991 Record: 1-9

BUCKNELL Lewisburg, PA

S. 5 Bloomsburg +
S. 12 Villanova 0-40
S. 19 Towson State*
S. 26 Brown +
O. 3 Dartmouth 16-34
O. 10 Columbia
O. 24 Holy Cross 6-42
O. 31 Fordham + 21-14
N. 7 Lehigh 13-41
N. 14 Lafayette + 16-20
N. 21 Colgate + 6-38

Coach: Lou Maranzana • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Bison • 1991 Record: 1-9

CALIFORNIA Berkeley, CA

S. 5 San Jose St. + 41-20
S. 12 Purdue 42-18
S. 24 Kansas*
O. 3 Oregon State + 27-14
O. 10 Washington 17-24
O. 17 Southern Cal 52-30
O. 24 Arizona + 23-21
O. 31 UCLA + 27-24
N. 7 Oregon 45-7
N. 14 Arizona State* 25-6
N. 21 Stanford + 21-38

Coach: Keith Gilbertson • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Bears • 1991 Record: 10-2

CENTRAL FLORIDA Orlando, FL

S. 5 Gardner-Webb+*
S. 12 Bethune-Cookman+* 32-6
S. 19 Troy State +* 21-10
S. 26 Western Illinois
O. 3 Savannah State +* 31-33
O. 17 Nicholls State +*
O. 24 Western Kentucky
O. 31 Liberty 31-26
N. 7 Buffalo +
N. 14 James Madison + 31-49
N. 21 Samford 6-13

Coach: Gene McDowell • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Knights • 1991 Record: 6-5

CENTRAL MICHIGAN Mount Pleasant, MI

S. 5 Kentucky*
S. 12 Michigan State 20-3
S. 19 Ohio University + 17-17
S. 26 Toledo + 16-16
O. 3 Bowling Green + 10-17
O. 10 Miami (OH) 10-10
O. 17 Kent State + 23-7
O. 24 Ball State 10-3
O. 31 Akron 31-29
N. 7 Eastern Michigan + 14-14
N. 14 Western Michigan 27-17

Coach: Herb Deromedi • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Chippewas • 1991 Record: 6-1-4

CINCINNATI Cincinnati, OH

S. 5 Penn State +* 0-81
S. 19 Miami (OH) 9-22
S. 26 Tennessee
O. 3 Kent State + 38-19
O. 10 Memphis State
O. 17 East Carolina 19-30
O. 24 Southern Miss 17-7
O. 31 Louisville +* 30-7
N. 7 Rutgers +*
N. 14 Kentucky + 17-20
N. 21 Akron +

Coach: Tim Murphy • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Bearcats • 1991 Record: 4-7

CITADEL Charleston, SC

S. 5 Arkansas
S. 12 Wofford + * 12-15
S. 19 East Tennessee St. + * 17-7
S. 26 Army 20-14
O. 3 Appalachian St. 17-10
O. 10 UT-Chattanooga + * 26-33
O. 17 Marshall + 31-37
O. 24 Western Carolina 38-13
N. 7 Newberry +
N. 14 VMI + 17-14
N. 21 Furman 10-6

Coach: Charlie Taaffe • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1991 Record: 7-4

CLEMSON Clemson, SC

S. 5 Ball State +
S. 12 Florida State + *
S. 26 Georgia State 9-7
O. 3 UT-Chattanooga +
O. 10 Virginia 20-20
O. 17 Duke + 33-21
O. 24 North Carolina St. 29-19
O. 31 Wake Forest 28-10
N. 7 North Carolina + 21-6
N. 14 Maryland 40-7
N. 21 South Carolina 41-24

Coach: Ken Hatfield • Colors: Purple & Orange
Nickname: Tigers • 1991 Record: 9-2-1

COLGATE Hamilton, NY

S. 12 Rutgers*
S. 19 Fordham 25-12
S. 26 Pennsylvania
O. 3 Columbia
O. 10 Buffalo +
O. 17 Cornell + 31-13
O. 24 Lehigh 22-21
O. 31 Lafayette + 31-48
N. 7 William & Mary +
N. 14 Holy Cross + 3-28
N. 21 Bucknell 38-6

Coach: Mike Foley • Colors: Maroon
Nickname: Red Raiders • 1991 Record: 4-7

COLORADO Boulder, CO

S. 5 Colorado State +
S. 12 Baylor* 14-16
S. 19 Minnesota* 58-0
S. 26 Iowa +
O. 8 Missouri * 55-7
O. 17 Oklahoma + 34-17
O. 24 Kansas State + 10-0
O. 31 Nebraska 19-19
N. 7 Oklahoma State + 16-12
N. 14 Kansas 30-24
N. 21 Iowa State + 17-14

Coach: Bill McCartney • Colors: Silver, Gold & Black
Nickname: Buffaloes • 1991 Record: 8-3-1

COLORADO STATE Fort Collins, CO

S. 5 Colorado
S. 12 Idaho +
S. 19 Fresno State*
S. 26 Louisiana State*
O. 3 Utah + 16-21
O. 10 Texas-El Paso + 23-18
O. 17 Air Force 26-31
O. 24 Wyoming + 28-35
O. 31 San Diego State + 32-42
N. 7 Hawaii* 28-16
N. 14 Ohio University +
N. 21 New Mexico 36-38

Coach: Earle Bruce • Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Rams • 1991 Record: 3-8

COLUMBIA New York, NY

S. 19 Harvard + 16-21
S. 26 Fordham 16-20
O. 3 Colgate +
O. 10 Bucknell +
O. 17 Pennsylvania 20-14
O. 24 Yale 9-36
O. 31 Princeton + 6-22
N. 7 Dartmouth 19-28
N. 14 Cornell + 21-28
N. 21 Brown + 23-28

Coach: Ray Tellier • Colors: Columbia Blue & White
Nickname: Lions • 1991: 1-9

CONNECTICUT Storrs, CT

S. 5 New Haven +
S. 12 New Hampshire 16-21
S. 26 Northeastern
O. 3 Yale + 34-20
O. 10 Villanova + 13-35
O. 17 Massachusetts 26-21
O. 24 Maine + 20-41
O. 31 Richmond + 35-34
N. 7 Delaware 18-49
N. 14 Boston University 26-29
N. 21 Rhode Island + 10-20

Coach: Tom Jackson • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Huskies • 1991 Record: 3-8

CORNELL Ithaca, NY

S. 19 Princeton + 0-18
S. 26 Lehigh +
O. 3 Lafayette +
O. 10 Harvard 22-17
O. 17 Colgate 13-31
O. 24 Dartmouth + 25-31
O. 31 Brown + 20-17
N. 7 Yale 31-6
N. 14 Columbia 28-21
N. 21 Pennsylvania + 13-14

Coach: Jim Hofher • Colors: Carnelian & White
Nickname: Big Red • 1991 Record: 5-5

DARTMOUTH Hanover, NH

S. 19 Pennsylvania + 21-15
S. 26 New Hampshire
O. 3 Bucknell + 34-16
O. 10 Holy Cross 6-23
O. 17 Yale + 28-24
O. 24 Cornell 31-25
O. 31 Harvard 31-31
N. 7 Columbia + 28-19
N. 14 Brown 45-13
N. 21 Princeton 31-13

Coach: John Lyons • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Big Green • 1991 Record: 7-2-1

DELAWARE Newark, DE

S. 12 Massachusetts + 24-7
S. 19 Rhode Island + 42-7
S. 26 West Chester + 28-0
O. 3 New Hampshire 28-45
O. 10 Boston University + 35-21
O. 17 Villanova 38-28
O. 24 Navy 29-25
O. 31 Maine 34-10
N. 7 Connecticut + 49-18
N. 14 Richmond 23-17
N. 21 Towson State +

Coach: Harold Raymond • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Fightin' Blue Hens • 1991 Record: 10-2

DELAWARE STATE Dover, DE

S. 5 Cheyney @
S. 12 Youngstown St. * 33-29
S. 19 Bethune-Cookman #$
O. 10 Towson State + 13-7
O. 17 Florida A&M + 10-20
O. 24 Morgan State 26-10
O. 31 South Carolina St. + 19-14
N. 7 North Carolina A&T + 31-26
N. 14 Liberty 9-20
N. 21 Howard 56-12
@ At Wilmington, DE
 # At Ft.Lauderdale, FL
$ Won by Forfeit

Coach: Bill Collick • Colors: Blue & Red
Nickname: Hornets • 1991 Record: 8-3

DUKE Durham, NC

S. 5 Florida State*
S. 12 Vanderbilt* 17-13
S. 19 Rice +
S. 26 Virginia + 3-34
O. 10 East Carolina +
O. 17 Clemson 21-33
O. 24 Maryland + 17-13
O. 31 Georgia Tech 6-17
N. 7 Wake Forest + 14-31
N. 14 North Carolina St. 31-32
N. 21 North Carolina + 14-47

Coach: Barry Wilson • Colors: Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Devils • 1991 Record: 4-6-1

EAST CAROLINA Greenville, NC

S. 5 Syracuse + * 23-20
S. 12 Virginia Tech + 24-17
S. 19 South Carolina* 31-20
S. 26 Bowling Green
O. 10 Duke
O. 17 Cincinnati + 30-19
O. 24 Pittsburgh 24-23
O. 29 Southern Miss + * 48-20
N. 7 West Virginia
N. 14 Arkansas State +
N. 21 Memphis State 20-13

Coach: Steve Logan • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Pirates • 1991 Record: 11-1

EASTERN ILLINOIS Charleston, IL

S. 5 Austin Peay *
S. 12 Marshall *
S. 19 Murray State +* 27-28
S. 26 Illinois State 37-28
O. 3 Southern Illinois +* 30-31
O. 10 Indiana State + 15-16
O. 17 Western Illinois 15-16
O. 24 SW Missouri St. 35-29
O. 31 Youngstown State
N. 7 Northern Iowa + 17-18
N. 14 Western Kentucky + 26-28

Coach: Bob Spoo • Colors: Blue & Gray
Nickname: Panthers • 1991 Record: 4-7

EASTERN KENTUCKY Richmond, KY

S. 5 Western Kentucky 37-22
S. 19 NE Louisiana + *
S. 26 Tennessee Tech + * 19-13
O. 3 SE Missouri + 49-7
O. 10 Samford*
O. 17 Middle Tennesse St. 17-7
O. 24 UT-Martin 56-21
O. 31 Tennessee State + 27-20
N. 7 Murray State + 42-17
N. 14 Austin Peay 21-0
N. 21 Morehead State 41-10

Coach: Roy Kidd • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Colonels • 1991 Record: 12-2

EASTERN MICHIGAN Ypsilanti, MI

S. 5 Akron + *
S. 12 Louisiana Tech * 14-17
S. 19 Penn State
S. 26 Kent State + * 21-20
O. 3 Miami (OH) + * 3-29
O. 10 Ball State 8-10
O. 17 Western Michigan 42-24
O. 24 Ohio University + * 13-10
O. 31 Army
N. 7 Central Michigan 14-14
N. 14 Toledo * 14-21

Coach: Jim Harkema • Colors: Green & Red
Nickname: Eagles • 1991 Record: 3-7-1

EASTERN WASHINGTON Cheney, WA

S. 12 Portland St. 23-35
S. 19 Sonoma State +
S. 26 Montana 20-17
O. 3 Weber State + 59-63
O. 10 Montana St. + 22-21
O. 17 Idaho + 34-31
O. 24 Northern Arizona * 44-29
O. 31 Idaho State 36-43
N. 7 NE Louisiana *
N. 14 Boise State + 17-31

Coach: Dick Zornes • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Eagles • 1991 Record: 5-6

EAST TENNESSEE STATE Johnson City, TN

S. 5 VMI + * 20-35
S. 12 Mars Hill + *
S. 19 The Citadel * 7-17
S. 26 Appalachian St. 14-21
O. 3 Morehead St. + *
O. 10 Charleston Southern +
O. 17 Louisiana Tech
O. 31 Furman + 23-52
N. 7 UT-Chattanooga * 26-43
N. 14 Western Carolina 15-29
N. 21 Marshall + 9-63

Coach: Mike Cavan • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Buccaneers • 1991 Record: 1-10

FLORIDA Gainesville, FL

S. 12 Kentucky + * 35-26
S. 19 Tennessee 35-18
O. 1 Mississippi St.* 29-7
O. 10 Louisiana State + 16-0
O. 17 Auburn + 31-10
O. 24 Louisville +
O. 31 Georgia @ 45-13
N. 7 Southern Miss +
N. 14 South Carolina +
N. 21 Vanderbilt
N. 28 Florida State 14-9
@ At Jacksonville, FL

Coach: Steve Spurrier • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Gators • 1991 Record: 10-2

FLORIDA A&M Tallahassee, FL

S. 5 Geogia Southern 21-28
S. 12 South Carolina St. + * 7-21
S. 19 Miami
S. 26 Tennessee State @ 43-7
O. 3 Howard + * 21-28
O. 10 North Carolina A&T # 19-41
O. 17 Delaware State 20-10
O. 31 Morgan State + 55-6
N. 7 Southern * 24-20
N. 14 Grambling + 22-25
N. 28 Bethune-Cookman $ 46-28
@ At Atlanta, GA
 # At Orlando, FL
$ At Tampa, FL

Coach: Ken Riley • Colors: Orange & Green
Nickname: Rattlers • 1991 Record: 6-5

FLORIDA STATE Tallahassee, FL

S. 5 Duke + *
S. 12 Clemson *
S. 19 North Carolina St.
S. 26 Wake Forest + *
O. 3 Miami 16-17
O. 10 North Carolina +
O. 17 Georgia Tech
O. 31 Virginia
N. 7 Maryland +
N. 14 Tulane + 38-11
N. 28 Florida + 9-14

Colors: Bobby Bowden • Colors: Garnet & Gold
Nickname: Seminoles • 1991 Record: 11-2

FORDHAM Bronx, NY

S. 12 Lehigh 7-32
S. 19 Colgate + 12-25
S. 26 Columbia + 20-16
O. 3 Pennsylvania +
O. 10 Yale
O. 16 Hofstra * 30-50
O. 24 Lafayette + 7-33
O. 31 Bucknell 14-21
N. 14 Villanova 9-14
N. 21 Holy Cross 19-24

Coach: Larry Glueck • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname:Rams • 1991 Record: 2-8

FRESNO STATE Fresno, CA

S. 5 Pacific * 59-14
S. 12 Oregon State 24-20
S. 19 Colorado State +*
S. 26 Washington State +* 34-30
O. 3 Louisiana Tech +*
O. 10 Brigham Young
O. 17 Hawaii*
O. 24 New Mexico +* 94-17
O. 31 Wyoming +*
N. 7 Utah +*
N. 21 San Diego State*
N. 28 Texas-El Paso*

Coach: Jim Sweeney • Colors: Cardinal & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1991 Record: 10-2

FULLERTON STATE Fullerton, CA

S. 5 Northridge St. + 17-10
S. 12 UCLA
S. 19 Georgia 14-27
S. 26 Sacramento St. +
O. 3 Nevada + *
O. 10 San Jose State * 7-35
O. 17 SW Louisiana *
O. 31 Utah State + 3-26
N. 7 Pacific 28-56
N. 14 New Mexico St. 12-35
N. 28 Nevada-Las Vegas 3-25

Coach: Gene Murphy • Colors: Blue, Orange & White
Nickname: Titans • 1991 Record: 2-9

FURMAN Greenville, SC

S. 5 Liberty +* 31-7
S. 12 North Carolina*
S. 19 Presbyterian + 52-7
S. 26 Georgia Southern +
O. 3 VMI + 46-28
O. 10 Marshall* 35-38
O. 24 Appalachian St. 23-26
O. 31 East Tennessee St. 52-23
N. 7 Western Carolina + 42-14
N. 14 UT-Chattanooga 24-21
N. 21 The Citadel + 6-10

Coach: Jim Satterfield • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Paladins • 1991 Record: 7-4

GEORGIA Athens, GA

S. 5 South Carolina*
S. 12 Tennessee +
S. 19 Fullerton State + 27-14
S. 26 Mississippi + 37-17
O. 3 Arkansas
O. 10 Georgia Southern +
O. 17 Vanderbilt + 25-27
O. 24 Kentucky* 49-27
O. 31 Florida @ 13-45
N. 14 Auburn 37-27
N. 28 Georgia Tech + 18-15
@ At Jacksonville, FL

Coach: Ray Goff • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1991 Record: 9-3

GEORGIA SOUTHERN Statesboro, GA

S. 5 Florida A&M + 28-21
S. 12 Valdosta State +
S. 19 Savannah State + 29-16
S. 26 Furman
O. 10 Georgia
O. 17 James Madison + 24-21
O. 24 Jacksonville State +
O. 31 Middle Tennessee St. +
N. 7 Mississippi College +
N. 14 Troy State + 19-12
N. 21 Youngstown State 17-19

Coach: Tim Stowers • Colors: Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Eagles • 1991 Record: 7-4

GEORGIA TECH Atlanta, GA

S. 12 Western Carolina +*
S. 19 Virginia 24-21
S. 26 Clemson + 7-9
O. 3 North Carolina St. + 21-28
O. 10 Maryland 34-10
O. 17 Florida State +
O. 24 North Carolina 35-14
O. 31 Duke + 17-6
N. 7 Baylor
N. 14 Wake Forest + 27-3
N. 28 Georgia 15-18

Coach: Bill Lewis • Colors: Old Gold & White
Nickname: Yellow Jackets • 1991 Record: 8-5

GRAMBLING Grambling, LA

S. 5 Alcorn State @* 22-27
S. 12 Virginia Union * 37-46
S. 19 Tennessee State + * 24-21
O. 3 Prairie View # * 77-7
O. 17 Mississippi Valley $ 37-35
O. 24 Jackson State + 22-34
O. 31 Texas Southern * 30-27
N. 7 Alabama State + 14-60
N. 14 Florida A&M 25-22
N. 28 Southern $ 30-31
@ At Shreveport, LA
 # At Dallas, TX
$ At New Orleans, LA

Coach: Eddie Robinson • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Tigers • 1991 Record: 5-6

HARVARD Cambridge, MA

S. 19 Columbia 21-16
S. 26 William & Mary +
O. 3 Holy Cross 13-28
O. 10 Cornell + 17-22
O. 17 Lafayette
O. 24 Princeton 24-21
O. 31 Dartmouth + 31-31
N. 7 Brown + 23-29
N. 14 Pennsylvania 22-18
N. 21 Yale + 13-23

Coach: Joe Restic
Colors: Crimson, Black & White
Nickname: Crimson • 1991 Record: 4-5-1

HAWAII Honolulu, HI

S. 5 Oregon
S. 12 Air Force 20-24
S. 26 Brigham Young +* 18-35
O. 10 Utah 52-26
O. 17 Fresno State +*
O. 24 Nevada-Las Vegas +*
O. 31 Texas-El Paso* 24-41
N. 7 Colorado State +* 16-28
N. 14 San Diego State* 21-47
N. 21 Wyoming +* 32-17
N. 28 Tulsa +*
D. 5 Pittsburgh +

Coach: Bob Wagner • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Rainbow Warriors • 1991 Record: 4-7-1

HOLY CROSS Worcester, MA

S. 12 Army
S. 19 Massachusetts + 22-20
S. 26 Yale
O. 3 Harvard + 28-13
O. 10 Dartmouth + 23-6
O. 17 Princeton +
O. 24 Bucknell + 42-6
O. 31 Lehigh + 43-42
N. 7 Lafayette 48-14
N. 14 Colgate 28-3
N. 21 Fordham + 24-19

Coach: Peter Vaas • Colors: Royal Purple
Nickname: Crusaders • 1991 Record: 11-0

HOUSTON Houston, TX

S. 5 Tulsa *
S. 19 Illinois + 10-51
S. 26 Michigan
O. 3 SW Louisiana +*
O. 17 Baylor 21-38
O. 24 Texas 23-14
O. 31 Texas Christian + 45-49
N. 7 Southern Methodist 49-20
N. 12 Texas A&M + * 18-27
N. 21 Texas Tech 46-52
N. 28 Rice + 41-21

Coach: John Jenkins • Colors: Scarlett & White
Nickname: Cougars • 1991 Record: 4-7

HOWARD Washington, DC

S. 5 Morehouse
S. 12 Alabama A&M @ *
S. 19 Cheyney State #
S. 26 Alcorn State + 27-46
O. 3 Florida A&M * 28-21
O. 10 Bethune-Cookman + 14-20
O. 24 North Carolina A&T + 9-26
O. 31 Bowie State +
N. 7 South Carolina St. 5-10
N. 14 Morgan State + 28-38
N. 21 Delaware State + 12-56
@ At Los Angeles, CA
 # At Philadelphia, PA

Coach: Steve Wilson • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Bison • 1991 Record: 2-9

IDAHO Moscow, ID

S. 5 St. Cloud State +*
S. 12 Colorado State
S. 19 Weber State + 17-45
O. 3 Northridge St. +
O. 10 Idaho State + 46-21
O. 17 Eastern Washington 31-34
O. 24 Northern Iowa* 14-36
O. 31 Northern Arizona + 44-28
N. 7 Montana 34-35
N. 14 Montana State + 48-14
N. 21 Boise State 28-24

Coach: John L. Smith • Colors: Silver & Gold
Nickname: Vandals • 1991 Record: 6-5

IDAHO STATE Pocatello, ID

S. 5 Mesa State +* 38-7
S. 12 Boise State +* 16-38
S. 19 Northern Iowa
S. 26 Northern Arizona * 45-14
O. 3 Central Washington +*
O. 10 Idaho 21-46
O. 17 Montana State 7-16
O. 24 Weber State * 41-60
O. 31 Eastern Washington +* 43-36
N. 14 Southern Utah +* 35-35
N. 21 Montana +* 13-24

Coach: Brian McNeely • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Bengals • 1991 Record: 3-7-1

ILLINOIS Champaign, IL

S. 5 Northern Illinois +
S. 12 Missouri + 19-23
S. 19 Houston 51-10
O. 3 Minnesota* 24-3
O. 10 Ohio State 10-7
O. 17 Iowa + 21-24
O. 24 Northwestern + 11-17
O. 31 Wisconsin 22-6
N. 7 Purdue + 41-14
N. 14 Michigan 0-20
N. 21 Michigan State + 24-27

Coach: Lou Tepper • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini • 1991 Record: 6-6

ILLINOIS STATE Normal, IL

S. 5 SW Minnesota St. + *
S. 12 Northern Illinois * 24-27
S. 19 Indiana State * 6-3
S. 26 Eastern Illinois + 28-37
O. 3 Northern Iowa 14-17
O. 10 Youngstown State *
O. 17 SW Missouri St. + 6-21
O. 24 Southern Illinois + 11-14
O. 31 Western Illinois 12-22
N. 7 Western Kentucky + 31-8
N. 14 SE Missouri St. 42-7

Coach: Jim Heacock • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Redbirds • 1991 Record: 5-6

INDIANA Bloomington, IN

S. 12 Miami (OH) +
S. 19 Kentucky * 13-10
S. 26 Missouri + 27-27
O. 3 Michigan State 31-0
O. 10 Northwestern 44-6
O. 17 Michigan + 16-24
O. 24 Wisconsin + 28-20
O. 31 Minnesota * 34-8
N. 7 Iowa + 21-38
N. 14 Ohio State + 16-20
N. 21 Purdue 24-22

Coach: Bill Mallory • Colors: Cream & Crimson
Nickname: Hoosiers • 1991 Record: 7-4-1

INDIANA STATE Terre Haute, IN

S. 5 Oklahoma State *
S. 12 Western Kentucky 31-14
S. 19 Illinois State + * 3-6
S. 26 Lock Haven + *
O. 3 Youngstown State +
O. 10 Eastern Illinois 16-15
O. 17 Glenville St. (WV) +
O. 24 Western Illinois 7-6
O. 31 Northern Iowa + 21-49
N. 14 SW Missouri State + 19-68
N. 21 Southern Illinois 23-30

Coach: Dennis Raetz • Colors: Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Sycamores • 1991 Record: 5-6

IOWA Iowa City, IA

A. 29 North Carolina St. * @
S. 5 Miami +*
S. 12 Iowa State + 29-10
S. 26 Colorado
O. 3 Michigan 24-43
O. 10 Wisconsin + 10-6
O. 17 Illinois 24-21
O. 24 Purdue + 31-21
O. 31 Ohio State + 16-9
N. 7 Indiana 38-21
N. 14 Northwestern + 24-10
N. 21 Minnesota * 23-8
@ At East Rutherford, NJ

Coach: Hayden Frye • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Hawkeyes • 1991 Record: 10-1-1

IOWA STATE Ames, IA

S. 5 Ohio University +
S. 12 Iowa 10-29
S. 19 Tulane +
S. 26 Northern Iowa +
O. 3 Oklahoma 8-29
O. 17 Kansas + 0-41
O. 24 Oklahoma State 6-6
O. 31 Missouri + 23-22
N. 5 Kansas State * 7-37
N. 14 Nebraska + 13-28
N. 21 Colorado 14-17

Coach: Jim Walden • Colors: Cardinal & Gold
Nickname: Cyclones • 1991 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

JACKSON STATE Jackson, MS

S. 5 Tuskegee + *
S. 12 Tennessee St. @ * 41-19
S. 19 Stephen F. Austin * 31-16
S. 26 Mississippi Valley + * 14-23
O. 3 South Carolina St. # 17-6
O. 10 Alabama State * 27-28
O. 17 Southern * 20-21
O. 24 Grambling St. 34-22
N. 7 Texas Southern + * 13-12
N. 14 Prairie View + *
N. 21 Alcorn State 16-18
@ At Memphis, TN
 # At Columbia, SC

Coach: James Carson • Colors: Cardinal & Gold
Nickname: Tigers • 1991 Record: 5-5

JAMES MADISON Harrisonburg, VA

S. 5 Virginia Tech * 12-41
S. 12 Richmond 47-42
S. 19 Hofstra +*
S. 26 Youngstown State * 21-28
O. 3 Northeastern + 27-10
O. 10 Appalachian State + 31-8
O. 17 Georgia Southern 21-24
O. 24 Towson State 55-31
O. 31 William & Mary + 29-28
N. 7 Liberty + 35-34
N. 14 Central Florida 49-31

Coach: Rip Scherer • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Dukes • 1991 Record: 9-4

KANSAS Lawrence, KS

S. 5 Oregon State
S. 12 Ball State +
S. 19 Tulsa * 23-17
S. 24 California +*
O. 10 Kansas State + 12-16
O. 17 Iowa State 41-0
O. 24 Oklahoma + 3-41
O. 31 Oklahoma State + 31-0
N. 7 Nebraska 23-59
N. 14 Colorado + 24-30
N. 21 Missouri 53-29

Coach: Glen Mason • Colors: Crimson & Blue
Nickname: Jayhawks • 1991 Record: 6-5

KANSAS STATE Manhattan, KS

S. 19 Montana +*
S. 26 Temple +*
O. 3 New Mexico State +
O. 10 Kansas 16-12
O. 17 Utah State
O. 24 Colorado 0-10
O. 31 Oklahoma 7-28
N. 5 Iowa State +* 37-7
N. 14 Missouri 32-0
N. 21 Oklahoma State + 36-26
D. 6 Nebraska @ 31-38
@ At Tokyo, Japan

Coach: Bill Snyder • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1991 Record: 7-4

KENT Kent, OH

S. 5 Pittsburgh*
S. 12 Ohio University + 40-45
S. 19 Ball State + 27-28
S. 26 Eastern Michigan* 20-21
O. 3 Cincinnati* 19-38
O. 10 Akron +
O. 17 Central Michigan 7-23
O. 24 Western Michigan + 10-13
O. 31 Toledo 14-13
N. 7 Bowling Green + 7-35
N. 14 Miami (OH) 9-20

Coach: Pete Cordelli • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Flashes • 1991 Record: 1-10

KENTUCKY Lexington, KY

S. 5 Central Michigan +*
S. 12 Florida* 26-35
S. 19 Indiana +* 10-13
S. 26 South Carolina +*
O. 3 Mississippi* 14-35
O. 17 Louisiana State* 26-29
O. 24 Georgia +* 27-49
O. 31 Mississippi State +* 6-31
N. 7 Vanderbilt + 7-17
N. 14 Cincinnati 20-17
N. 21 Tennessee 7-16

Coach: Bill Curry • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1991: 3-8

LAFAYETTE Easton, PA

S. 12 Hofstra +	17-60
S. 19 Buffalo +	42-21
S. 26 Princeton	
O. 3 Cornell	
O. 10 Army	
O. 17 Harvard +	
O. 24 Fordham	33-7
O. 31 Colgate	48-31
N. 7 Holy Cross +	14-48
N. 14 Bucknell	20-16
N. 23 Lehigh +	18-36

Coach: Bill Russo • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Leopards • 1991 Record: 6-5

LEHIGH Bethlehem, PA

S. 12 Fordham +	32-7
S. 19 New Hampshire +	
S. 26 Cornell	
O. 3 Princeton +	
O. 10 Northeastern	35-22
O. 17 Brown	
O. 24 Colgate +	21-22
O. 31 Holy Cross	42-43
N. 7 Bucknell +	41-13
N. 14 William & Mary	41-37
N. 21 Lafayette	36-18

Coach: Hank Small • Colors: Brown & White
Nickname: Engineers • 1991 Record: 9-2

LIBERTY Lynchburg,VA

S. 5 Furman *	7-31
S. 12 Morgan State +	
S. 19 Concord +*	
S. 26 North Carolina A&T	
O. 3 Towson State *	38-26
O. 17 Troy State +*	
O. 24 Northern Illinois	
O. 31 Central Florida +	26-31
N. 7 James Madison	34-35
N. 14 Delaware State +	20-9
N. 21 Kutztown +	16-17

Coach: Sam Rutigliano • Colors: Red, White & Blue
Nickname: Flames • 1991 Record: 4-7

LOUISIANA STATE Baton Rouge, LA

S. 5 Texas A&M +	7-45
S. 12 Mississippi State + *	19-28
S. 19 Auburn*	
S. 26 Colorado State + *	
O. 3 Tennessee + *	
O. 10 Florida	0-16
O. 17 Kentucky + *	29-26
O. 31 Mississippi @ +	25-22
N. 7 Alabama + *	17-20
N. 21 Tulane + *	39-20
N. 27 Arkansas	
# At Jackson, MS	

Coach: Curley Hallman • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Fighting Tigers • 1991 Record: 5-6

LOUISIANA TECH Ruston, LA

S. 5 Baylor*	
S. 12 Eastern Michigan + *	17-14
S. 19 Southern Miss	30-14
S. 26 Alabama	
O. 3 Fresno State*	
O. 10 SW Louisiana + *	14-14
O. 17 East Tennessee St.+	
O. 31 Arkansas State + *	42-10
N. 7 South Carolina	12-12
N. 14 Mississippi	
N. 21 West Virginia	

Coach: Joe Ray Peace • Colors: Red & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1991 Record: 8-1-2

LOUISVILLE Louisville, KY

S. 5 Ohio State	15-23
S. 12 Memphis State +	7-35
S. 19 Arizona State*	
S. 26 Wyoming +	
O. 3 Syracuse +	
O. 10 Virginia Tech +	13-41
O. 17 Tulsa +	0-40
O. 24 Florida	
O. 31 Cincinnati*	7-30
N. 7 Texas A&M	
N. 14 Pittsburgh	

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger
Colors: Red, White & Black
Nickname: Cardinals • 1991 Record: 2-9

MAINE Orono, ME

S. 5 New Hampshire +	20-38
S. 12 Kutztown +	
S. 19 Northeastern +	14-15
O. 3 Richmond	19-15
O. 17 Rhode Island +	30-52
O. 24 Connecticut	41-20
O. 31 Delaware +	10-34
N. 7 Boston University +	0-27
N. 14 Massachusetts	3-10
N. 21 Villanova	7-48

Coach: Kirk Ferentz • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Black Bears • 1991 Record: 3-8

MARSHALL Huntington, WV

S. 5 Morehead St. + *	70-11
S. 12 Eastern Illinois + *	
S. 19 VMI	61-0
O. 3 Missouri	
O. 10 Furman + *	38-35
O. 17 The Citadel	37-31
O. 24 UT-Chattanooga +	31-38
O. 31 Western Carolina	27-24
N. 7 Appalachian State +	3-9
N. 14 Tennessee Tech +	
N. 21 East Tenn. State	63-9

Coach: Jim Donnan • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Thundering Herd • 1991 Record: 11-4

MARYLAND College Park, MD

S. 5 Virginia	17-6
S. 12 North Carolina St. +	17-20
S. 19 West Virginia	7-37
S. 26 Penn State	7-47
O. 3 Pittsburgh +	20-24
O. 10 Georgia Tech +	10-34
O. 17 Wake Forest +	23-22
O. 24 Duke	13-17
O. 31 North Carolina +	0-24
N. 7 Florida State	
N. 14 Clemson +	7-40

Coach: Mark Duffner
Colors:Red, White, Black & Gold
Nickname: Terps • 1991 Record: 2-9

MASSACHUSETTS Amherst, MA

S. 12 Delaware	7-24
S. 19 Holy Cross	20-22
S. 26 Boston University +	15-7
O. 10 Rhode Island	14-17
O. 17 Connecticut +	21-26
O. 24 Villanova+	14-24
O. 31 Northeastern +	27-12
N. 7 Richmond	42-14
N. 14 Maine+	10-3
N. 21 New Hampshire	28-35

Coach: Mike Hodges • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Minutemen • 1991 Record: 4-7

McNEESE STATE Lake Claire, LA

S. 5 SW Missouri + *	3-7
S. 12 Northern Iowa + *	5-30
S. 19 Nevada	
S. 26 Nicholls State *	21-3
O. 10 NE Louisiana + *	10-10
O. 17 Northwestern St. + *	3-20
O. 24 SW Texas State	19-18
O. 31 North Texas*	41-3
N. 7 Stephen F. Austin	7-7
N. 14 Sam Houston State + *	19-17
N. 21 Weber State	

Coach: Bobby Keasler • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Cowboys • 1991 Record: 6-4-2

MEMPHIS STATE Lake Charles, LA

S. 5 Southern Miss	17-12
S. 12 Louisville	35-7
S. 19 Mississippi State +	28-23
S. 26 Arkansas + *	
O. 10 Cincinnati + *	
O. 17 Arkansas State + *	31-21
O. 24 Tulsa	28-33
O. 31 Tulane	
N. 7 Mississippi	0-10
N. 14 Tennessee +	24-52
N. 21 East Carolina +	13-20

Coach: Chuck Stobart • Colors: Blue & Gray
Nickname: Tigers • 1991 Record: 5-6

MIAMI Coral Gables, FL

S. 5 Iowa*	
S. 19 Florida A&M +	
S. 26 Arizona +	36-9
O. 3 Florida State +	17-16
O. 10 Penn State	26-20
O. 17 Texas Christian +	
O. 24 Virginia Tech	
O. 31 West Virginia +	27-3
N. 14 Temple +	
N. 21 Syracuse	
N. 28 San Diego State*	39-12

Coach: Dennis Erickson
Colors: Orange, Green & White
Nickname: Hurricanes • 1991 Record: 12-0

MIAMI Oxford, OH

S. 5 West Virginia	
S. 12 Indiana	
S. 19 Cincinnati +	22-9
S. 26 Ball State	15-7
O. 3 Eastern Michigan*	29-3
O. 10 Central Michigan +	10-10
O. 17 Ohio University	34-0
O. 24 Toledo +	7-24
O. 31 Bowling Green	7-17
N. 7 Western Michigan +	23-24
N. 14 Kent +	20-9

Coach: Randy Walker • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Redskins • 1991 Record: 6-4-1

MICHIGAN Ann Arbor, MI

S. 12 Notre Dame	24-14
S. 19 Oklahoma State +	
S. 26 Houston +	
O. 3 Iowa +	43-24
O. 10 Michigan State +	45-28
O. 17 Indiana	24-16
O. 24 Minnesota +	52-6
O. 31 Purdue	42-0
N. 7 Northwestern	59-14
N. 14 Illinois +	20-0
N. 21 Ohio State	31-3

Coach: Gary Moeller • Colors: Maize & Blue
Nickname: Wolverines • 1991 Record: 10-2

MICHIGAN STATE East Lansing, MI

S. 12 Central Michigan +	3-20
S. 19 Notre Dame +	10-49
S. 26 Boston College	
O. 3 Indiana +	0-31
O. 10 Michigan	28-45
O. 17 Minnesota*	20-12
O. 24 Ohio State +	17-27
O. 31 Northwestern	13-16
N. 7 Wisconsin +	20-7
N. 14 Purdue +	17-27
N. 21 Illinois	27-24

Coach: George Perles • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Spartans • 1991 Record: 3-8

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
Murfreesboro, TN

S. 5 Tennessee State @ *	42-6
S. 12 Nebraska	
S. 26 Murray State *	35-3
O. 3 Northern Illinois *	
O. 10 Austin Peay +	23-8
O. 17 Eastern Kentucky +	7-17
O. 24 SE Missouri	52-0
O. 31 Georgia Southern	
N. 7 UT-Martin +	51-14
N. 14 Morehead State +	31-3
N. 21 Tennessee Tech +	28-10
@ At Nashville, TN	

Coach: Boots Donnelly • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Raiders • 1991 Record: 9-4

MINNESOTA Minneapolis, MN

S. 12 San Jose State + *	26-20
S. 19 Colorado + *	0-58
S. 26 Pittsburgh	13-14
O. 3 Illinois + *	3-24
O. 10 Purdue	6-3
O. 17 Michigan State + *	12-20
O. 24 Michigan	6-52
O. 31 Indiana + *	8-34
N. 7 Ohio State	6-35
N. 14 Wisconsin	16-19
N. 21 Iowa + *	8-23

Coach: Jim Wacker • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Gophers • 1991 Record: 2-9

MISSISSIPPI University, MS

S. 5 Auburn +*	13-23
S. 12 Tulane +*	22-3
S. 19 Vanderbilt*	27-30
S. 28 Georgia	17-37
O. 3 Kentucky +*	35-14
O. 17 Arkansas @*	24-17
O. 24 Alabama	
O. 31 Louisiana State #*	22-25
N. 7 Memphis State +	10-0
N. 14 Louisiana Tech +	
N. 28 Mississippi State +	9-24
@ At Little Rock, AR	
# At Jackson, MS	

Coach: Billy Brewer
Colors: Cardinal Red & Navy Blue
Nickname: Rebels • 1991 Record: 5-6

MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville, MS

S. 5 Texas*	13-6
S. 12 Louisiana State*	28-19
S. 19 Memphis State*	23-28
O. 1 Florida +*	7-29
O. 10 Auburn +*	24-17
O. 17 South Carolina	
O. 24 Arkansas State +	
O. 31 Kentucky*	31-6
N. 7 Arkansas +	
N. 14 Alabama +	7-13
N. 28 Mississippi	24-9

Coach: Jackie Sherrill • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1991 Record: 7-5

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY Itta Bena, MS

S. 12 Lane College +*	30-13
S. 19 Miles College *	56-0
S. 26 Jackson State *	23-14
O. 3 Southern *	7-0
O. 10 Knoxville College	
O. 17 Grambling @	35-37
O. 24 Texas Southern	22-32
O. 31 Prairie View +	41-0
N. 7 Alcorn State +	28-28
N. 14 Alabama State	20-48
@ At Chicago, IL	

Coach: Larry Dorsey • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Delta Devils • 1991 Record: 7-3-1

MISSOURI Columbia, MO

S. 12 Illinois	23-19
S. 19 Texas A&M +	
S. 26 Indiana	27-27
O. 3 Marshall +	
O. 8 Colorado +*	7-55
O. 17 Oklahoma State	41-7
O. 24 Nebraska +	6-63
O. 31 Iowa State	22-23
N. 7 Oklahoma	16-56
N. 14 Kansas State +	0-32
N. 21 Kansas +	29-53

Coach: Bob Stull • Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Tigers • 1991 Record: 3-7-1

MONTANA Missoula, MT

S. 5 Washington St.	
S. 12 Chico State +	
S. 19 Kansas State *	
S. 26 Eastern Washington +	17-20
O. 3 Boise State *	21-7
O. 10 Weber State *	47-38
O. 17 N. Arizona +	34-27
O. 24 Montana State +	16-9
N. 7 Idaho +	35-34
N. 14 Hofstra +	
N. 21 Idaho State *	24-13

Coach: Dan Read • Colors: Copper, Silver & Gold
Nickname: Grizzlies • 1991 Record: 7-4

MONTANA STATE Bozeman, MT

S. 5 Sacramento State *	17-19
S. 12 Stephen F. Austin +	
S. 19 Mesa State +	
S. 26 Weber State *	25-36
O. 3 Northern Arizona +	16-27
O. 10 Eastern Washington	21-22
O. 17 Idaho State +	16-7
O. 24 Montana	9-16
O. 31 Boise State +	14-31
N. 13 Idaho +	14-48
N. 20 Nevada-Las Vegas	

Coach: Cliff Hysell • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Bobcats • 1991 Record: 2-9

MOREHEAD STATE Morehead, KY

S. 5 Marshall * 11-70
S. 12 West Virginia St. +*
S. 26 UT-Martin * 28-32
O. 3 East Tennessee St.*
O. 10 Tennessee St. +
O. 17 Murray State + 20-10
O. 24 Tennessee Tech 21-20
O. 31 Austin Peay 33-14
N. 7 SE Missouri St. + 16-17
N. 14 Middle Tennessee St. 3-31
N. 21 Eastern Kentucky + 10-41

Coach: Cole Proctor • Colors: Blue & Orange
Nickname: Eagles • 1991 Record: 4-7

MORGAN STATE Baltimore, MD

S. 12 Liberty
S. 19 North Carolina A&T 7-26
S. 26 Johnson C. Smith +
O. 3 Buffalo University
O. 10 South Carolina St. 6-21
O. 17 Central St. (OH) +
O. 24 Delaware St. + 10-26
O. 31 Florida A&M 6-55
N. 7 Western Illinois 6-44
N. 14 Howard University 37-28
N. 21 Bethune-Cookman + 6-38

Coach: Ricky Diggs • Colors: Blue & Orange
Nickname: Golden Bears • 1991 Record: 1-10

MURRAY STATE Murray, KY

S. 3 SE Missouri St. * 14-10
S. 19 Eastern Illinois * 28-27
S. 26 Middle Tennessee St. +* 3-35
O. 3 Austin Peay + 9-27
O. 10 UT-Martin * 40-34
O. 17 Morehead State 10-20
O. 31 Tennessee Tech +* 7-45
N. 7 Eastern Kentucky 17-42
N. 14 Tennessee State + 7-28
N. 21 Western Kentucky + 0-14

Coach: Mike Mahoney • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Racers • 1991 Record: 3-8

NAVY Annapolis, MD

S. 12 Virginia + * 10-17
S. 19 Boston College
S. 26 Rutgers+
O. 3 North Carolina
O. 10 Air Force 6-46
O. 24 Delaware + 25-29
O. 31 Notre Dame # 0-38
N. 7 Tulane + 7-34
N. 14 Vanderbilt +
N. 21 Rice
D. 5 Army @ 24-3
 # At East Rutherford, NJ
@ At Philadelphia, PA

Coach: George Chaump • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold
Nickname: Midshipmen • 1991 Record: 1-10

NEBRASKA Lincoln, NE

S. 5 Utah + 59-28
S. 12 Middle Tenn. St.+
S. 19 Washington 21-36
S. 26 Arizona State + 18-9
O. 10 Oklahoma State + 49-15
O. 24 Missouri 63-6
O. 31 Colorado + 19-19
N. 7 Kansas + 59-23
N. 14 Iowa State 38-13
N. 27 Oklahoma 19-14
D. 6 Kansas State @ 59-23
@ At Tokyo, Japan

Coach: Tom Osborne • Colors: Scarlet & Cream
Nickname: Cornhuskers • 1991 Record: 9-2-1

NEVADA Reno, NV

S. 5 Wyoming
S. 12 Pacific +
S. 19 McNeese State +
S. 26 Tulane*
O. 3 Fullerton State*
O. 17 Nevada-Las Vegas* 50-8
O. 24 New Mexico State +
O. 31 Weber State + 55-49
N. 7 San Jose State
N. 14 Utah State +
N. 21 Texas Southern +

Coach: Chris Ault • Colors: Blue & Silver
Nickname: Wolf Pack • 1991 Record: 12-1

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS Las Vegas, NV

S. 12 Texas-El Paso +*
S. 19 Northern Arizona +*
S. 26 Oregon
O. 3 Pacific 23-44
O. 10 New Mexico State * 38-28
O. 17 Nevada +* 8-50
O. 24 Hawaii *
O. 31 San Jose State + 12-55
N. 7 Utah State 14-27
N. 21 Montana State +
N. 28 Fullerton State + 25-3

Coach: Jim Strong • Colors: Scarlet & Gray
Nickname: Rebels • 1991 Record: 4-7

NEW HAMPSHIRE Durham, NH

S. 5 Maine 38-20
S. 12 Connecticut + 21-16
S. 19 Lehigh
S. 26 Dartmouth +
O. 3 Delaware + 45-28
O. 10 Richmond 34-0
O. 24 Northeastern + 18-14
O. 31 Boston University 45-26
N. 7 Villanova + 7-33
N. 14 Rhode Island 42-35
N. 21 Massachusetts + 35-28

Coach: Bill Bowes • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1991 Record: 9-3

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque, NM

S. 5 Texas Christian +* 7-60
S. 12 New Mexico St.* 17-10
S. 19 SMU+*
S. 26 Air Force 34-32
O. 3 San Diego St. +* 24-38
O. 10 Wyoming 19-39
O. 17 Utah +* 7-30
O. 24 Fresno State* 17-94
N. 7 Brigham Young 23-41
N. 14 Texas-El Paso + 19-35
N. 21 Colorado State + 38-36

Coach: Dennis Franchione • Colors: Cherry & Silver
Nickname: Lobos • 1991 Record: 3-9

NEW MEXICO STATE Las Cruces, NM

S. 5 Weber State +*
S. 12 New Mexico +* 10-17
S. 19 Texas-El Paso 21-22
S. 26 Utah State 21-46
O. 3 Kansas State
O. 10 Nevada-Las Vegas +* 28-38
O. 17 Pacific + 20-27
O. 24 Nevada
O. 31 Arizona *
N. 14 Fullerton St. + 35-12
N. 21 San Jose State 13-39

Coach: Jim Hess • Colors: Crimson & White
Nickname: Aggies • 1991 Record: 2-9

NICHOLLS STATE Thibodaux, LA

S. 5 NE Louisiana +* 15-10
S. 12 Texas A&I * 3-7
S. 26 McNeese St. +* 3-21
O. 3 SW Texas St. * 10-19
O. 10 Sam Houston St. + 19-28
O. 17 Central Florida *
O. 24 S.F. Austin 24-0
O. 31 Southern + 21-7
N. 7 North Texas * 19-24
N. 14 Northwestern St. * 10-16
N. 21 Troy State + 25-17

Coach: Phil Greco • Colors: Red & Gray
Nickname: Colonels • 1991 Record: 4-7

NORTH CAROLINA Chapel Hill, NC

S. 5 Wake Forest 24-10
S. 12 Furman +*
S. 19 Army +* 20-12
S. 26 North Carolina St. + 7-24
O. 3 Navy +
O. 10 Florida State
O. 17 Virginia + 9-14
O. 24 Georgia Tech + 14-35
O. 31 Maryland 24-0
N. 7 Clemson 6-21
N. 21 Duke 47-14

Coach: Mack Brown • Colors: Carolina Blue & White
Nickname: Tar Heels • 1991 Record: 7-4

NORTH CAROLINA A&T Greensboro, NC

S. 5 N.C. Central 48-0
S. 12 Winston-Salem + 10-13
S. 19 Morgan State + 26-7
S. 26 Liberty +
O. 3 Norfolk State 50-14
O. 10 Florida A&M @ 41-19
O. 24 Howard 26-9
O. 31 Bethune-Cookman + 39-24
N. 7 Delaware State 26-31
N. 14 Appalachian State
N. 24 South Carolina St. + 49-21
@ At Orlando, FL

Coach: Bill Hayes • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Aggies • 1991 Record: 9-3

NORTH CAROLINA STATE Raleigh, NC

A. 29 Iowa @ *
S. 5 Appalachian St. +
S. 12 Maryland 20-17
S. 19 Florida State +
S. 26 North Carolina 24-7
O. 3 Georgia Tech 28-21
O. 10 Texas Tech +
O. 17 Virginia Tech 7-0
O. 24 Clemson + 19-29
N. 7 Virginia 10-42
N. 14 Duke + 32-31
N. 21 Wake Forest + 30-3
@ At East Rutherford, NJ

Coach: Dick Sheridan • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Wolfpack • 1991 Record: 9-3

NORTHEASTERN Boston, MA

S. 12 Northern Arizona *
S. 19 Maine 15-14
S. 26 Connecticut +
O. 3 James Madison 10-27
O. 10 Lehigh + 22-35
O. 17 Youngstown State + 7-59
O. 24 New Hampshire 14-18
O. 31 Massachusetts 12-27
N. 7 Rhode Island + 20-28
N. 14 Towson State 50-13
N. 21 Boston University

Coach: Barry Gallup • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Huskies • 1991 Record: 4-7

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA Monroe, LA

S. 5 Nichols State* 10-15
S. 12 SW Louisiana 21-10
S. 19 Eastern Kentucky
S. 26 Southwest Texas St. + * 17-8
O. 3 Delta State + *
O. 10 McNeese State* 10-10
O. 17 Sam Houston St. + * 15-27
O. 24 Northwestern St. 24-9
N. 7 Eastern Washington + *
N. 14 Stephen F. Austin + * 48-20
N. 21 North Texas 44-21

Coach: Dave Roberts • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Indians • 1991 Record: 7-3-1

NORTHERN ARIZONA Flagstaff, AZ

S. 5 Southern Utah + *
S. 12 Northeastern + *
S. 19 Nevada-Las Vegas *
S. 26 Idaho State + * 14-45
O. 3 Montana State 27-16
O. 10 Boise State + * 14-57
O. 17 Montana 27-34
O. 24 Eastern Washington + * 29-44
O. 31 Idaho 28-44
N. 7 Weber State + * 38-43
N. 14 Minnesota-Duluth + *

Coach: Steve Axman • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1991 Record: 3-8

NORTHERN ILLINOIS DeKalb, IL

S. 5 Illinois
S. 12 Illinois State + * 27-24
S. 19 Arkansas State * 22-21
S. 26 Wisconsin
O. 3 Middle Tenn. St. + *
O. 10 Southern Miss. +
O. 17 Liberty +
O. 31 Western Michigan 10-22
N. 7 SW Louisiana * 12-13
N. 14 Army
N. 21 Toledo + 21-42

Coach: Charlie Sadler • Colors: Cardinal & Black
Nickname: Huskies • 1991 Record: 2-9

NORTHERN IOWA Cedar Falls, IA

S. 12 McNeese State * 30-5
S. 19 Idaho State +
S. 26 Iowa St.
O. 3 Illinois State + 17-14
O. 10 Western Kentucky + * 49-21
O. 17 Southern Illinois 20-21
O. 24 Idaho + * 36-14
O. 31 Indiana State * 49-21
N. 7 Eastern Illinois 18-17
N. 14 Western Illinois + * 24-17
N. 21 SW Missouri St. + * 22-0

Coach: Terry Allen • Colors: Purple & Old Gold
Nickname: Panthers • 1991 Record: 11-2

NORTH TEXAS Denton, TX

S. 5 Abilene Christian +* 24-20
S. 12 Southern Methodist
S. 19 SE Missouri St. * 21-22
S. 26 Texas *
O. 10 Northwestern St. +* 10-24
O. 17 Stephen F. Austin 18-14
O. 24 Sam Houston State 6-14
O. 31 McNeese State +* 3-41
N. 7 Nicholls State +* 24-19
N. 14 SW Texas St. 8-38
N. 21 NE Louisiana + 21-44

Coach: Dennis Parker • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Eagles • 1991 Record: 3-7-1

NORTHWESTERN Evanston, IL

S. 5 Notre Dame @
S. 12 Boston College
S. 19 Stanford
O. 3 Purdue 14-17
O. 10 Indiana + 6-44
O. 17 Ohio State 3-34
O. 24 Illinois 17-11
O. 31 Michigan State + 16-13
N. 7 Michigan + 14-59
N. 14 Iowa 10-24
N. 21 Wisconsin + 14-32
@ At Chicago, IL

Coach: Gary Barnett • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1991 Record: 3-8

NORTHWESTERN STATE Natchitoches, LA

S. 5 Mississippi College +*
S. 12 Troy State *
S. 26 East Texas St. +* 26-23
O. 3 Arkansas St. * 28-3
O. 10 North Texas * 24-10
O. 17 McNeese St. * 20-3
O. 24 NE Louisiana + 9-24
O. 31 SW Texas St. +* 0-24
N. 7 Sam Houston St. +* 3-13
N. 14 Nicholls St. +* 16-10
N. 21 Stephen F. Austin 52-0

Coach: Sam Goodwin • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Demons • 1991 Record: 6-5

NOTRE DAME Notre Dame, IN

S. 5 Northwestern @
S. 12 Michigan + 14-24
S. 19 Michigan State 49-10
S. 26 Purdue + 45-20
O. 3 Stanford + 42-26
O. 10 Pittsburgh* 42-7
O. 24 Brigham Young +
O. 31 Navy # 38-0
N. 7 Boston College +
N. 14 Penn State + 13-35
N. 28 Southern Cal* 24-20
@ At Chicago,IL
 # At East Rutherford, NJ

Coach: Lou Holtz • Colors: Gold & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Irish • 1991 Record: 10-3

OHIO STATE Columbus, OH

S. 5 Louisville + 23-15
S. 12 Bowling Green +
S. 19 Syracuse*
O. 3 Wisconsin 31-16
O. 10 Illinois + 7-10
O. 17 Northwestern + 34-3
O. 24 Michigan State 27-17
O. 31 Iowa 9-16
N. 7 Minnesota + 35-6
N. 14 Indiana 20-16
N. 21 Michigan + 3-31

Coach: John Cooper • Colors: Scarlet & Gray
Nickname: Buckeyes • 1991 Record: 8-4

OHIO UNIVERSITY Athens, OH

S. 5 Iowa State
S. 12 Kent State 45-40
S. 19 Central Michigan 17-17
S. 26 Western Michigan + 9-35
O. 3 Akron +
O. 10 Bowling Green 14-45
O. 17 Miami (OH) + 0-34
O. 24 Eastern Michigan * 10-13
O. 31 Ball State + 6-10
N. 7 Youngstown State +
N. 14 Colorado State

Coach: Tom Lichtenberg • Colors: Kelly Green & White
Nickname: Bobcats • 1991 Record: 2-8-1

OKLAHOMA Norman, OK

S. 3 Texas Tech *
S. 12 Arkansas State +
S. 19 Southern Cal +
O. 3 Iowa State + 29-8
O. 10 Texas @ 7-10
O. 17 Colorado 17-34
O. 24 Kansas 41-3
O. 31 Kansas State + 28-7
N. 7 Missouri + 56-16
N. 14 Oklahoma State 21-6
N. 27 Nebraska + 14-19

Coach: Gary Gibbs • Colors: Crimson & Cream
Nickname: Sooners • 1991 Record: 9-3

OKLAHOMA STATE Stillwater, OK

S. 5 Indiana State + *
S. 19 Michigan
S. 26 Tulsa + * 7-13
O. 3 Texas Christian * 21-24
O. 10 Nebraska 15-49
O. 17 Missouri + 7-41
O. 24 Iowa State + 6-6
O. 31 Kansas 0-31
N. 7 Colorado 12-16
N. 14 Oklahoma + 6-21
N. 21 Kansas State 26-36

Coach: Pat Jones • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Cowboys • 1991 Record: 0-10-1

OREGON Eugene, OR

S. 5 Hawaii +
S. 12 Stanford 13-33
S. 19 Texas Tech + 28-13
S. 26 Nevada-Las Vegas +
O. 3 Arizona State + 21-24
O. 10 Southern Cal 14-30
O. 17 Washington + 7-29
O. 31 Washington State 40-14
N. 7 California + 7-45
N. 14 UCLA + 7-16
N. 21 Oregon State 3-14

Coach: Rich Brooks • Colors: Green & Yellow
Nickname: Ducks • 1991 Record: 3-8

OREGON STATE Corvallis, OR

S. 5 Kansas +
S. 12 Fresno State 20-24
S. 19 Arizona + 21-45
S. 26 Utah * 10-22
O. 3 California 14-27
O. 10 Washington State + 7-55
O. 17 Arizona State * 7-24
O. 24 Stanford + 10-40
N. 7 UCLA 7-44
N. 14 Washington 6-58
N. 21 Oregon + 14-3

Coach: Jerry Pettibone • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Beavers • 1991 Record: 1-10

PACIFIC Stockton, CA

S. 5 Fresno State + * 14-59
S. 12 Nevada
S. 19 Boise State *
O. 3 Nevada-Las Vegas + 44-23
O. 10 Arizona State *
O. 17 New Mexico State 27-20
O. 24 Washington
O. 31 Fullerton State + 56-28
N. 14 San Jose State + 47-64
N. 21 Utah State + 14-21

Coach: Walt Harris • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Tigers • 1991 Record: 5-7

PENN STATE University Park, PA

S. 5 Cincinnati * 81-0
S. 12 Temple + 24-7
S. 19 Eastern Michigan +
S. 26 Maryland + 47-7
O. 3 Rutgers @ 37-17
O. 10 Miami + 20-26
O. 17 Boston College + 28-21
O. 24 West Virginia 51-6
O. 31 Brigham Young 33-7
N. 14 Notre Dame 35-13
N. 21 Pittsburgh + 32-20
@ At East Rutherford, NJ

Coach: Joe Paterno • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Nittany Lions • 1991 Record: 11-2

PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia, PA

S. 19 Dartmouth 15-21
S. 26 Colgate +
O. 3 Fordham
O. 10 William & Mary +
O. 17 Columbia + 14-20
O. 24 Brown 28-19
O. 31 Yale + 12-31
N. 7 Princeton 12-17
N. 14 Harvard + 18-22
N. 21 Cornell 14-13

Coach: Al Bagnoli • Colors: Red & Blue
Nickname: Quakers • 1991 Record: 2-8

PITTSBURGH Pittsburgh, PA

S. 5 Kent State +
S. 12 West Virginia + 34-3
S. 17 Rutgers * 22-17
S. 26 Minnesota + 14-13
O. 3 Maryland 24-20
O. 10 Notre Dame +* 7-42
O. 17 Temple 26-7
O. 24 East Carolina + 23-24
O. 31 Syracuse 27-31
N. 14 Louisville +
N. 21 Penn State 20-32
D. 5 Hawaii

Coach: Paul Hackett • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Panthers • 1991 Record: 6-5

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M Prairie View, TX

S. 5 Texas Southern # * 6-23
S. 12 Angelo State +* 0-55
S. 19 Langston University +*
O. 3 Grambling @ * 7-77
O. 10 West Texas St.*
O. 17 Alcorn State + 0-61
O. 24 Alabama State* 0-92
O. 31 Miss. Valley St. 0-41
N. 7 SW Texas St. + 6-59
N. 14 Jackson State*
N. 21 Southern +* 20-56
 # At Houston, TX
@ At Dallas, TX

Coach: Ronald Beard • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Panthers • 1991 Record: 0-11

PRINCETON Princeton, NJ

S. 19 Cornell 18-0
S. 26 Lafayette +
O. 3 Lehigh
O. 10 Brown + 59-37
O. 17 Holy Cross
O. 24 Harvard + 21-24
O. 31 Columbia 22-6
N. 7 Pennsylvania + 17-12
N. 14 Yale 22-16
N. 21 Dartmouth + 13-31

Coach: Steve Tosches • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Tigers • 1991 Record: 8-2

PURDUE West Lafayette, IN

S. 12 California + 18-42
S. 19 Toledo +
S. 26 Notre Dame 20-45
O. 3 Northwestern + 17-14
O. 10 Minnesota + 3-6
O. 17 Wisconsin 28-7
O. 24 Iowa 21-31
O. 31 Michigan 0-42
N. 7 Illinois 14-41
N. 14 Michigan State 27-14
N. 21 Indiana + 22-24

Coach: Jim Colletto • Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Boilermakers • 1991 Record: 4-7

RHODE ISLAND Kingston, RI

S. 12 Towson State + 45-25
S. 19 Delaware 7-42
S. 26 Richmond + 10-19
O. 2 Hofstra *
O. 10 Massachusetts + 17-14
O. 17 Maine 52-30
O. 24 Boston University + 0-43
O. 31 Villanova 14-49
N. 7 Northeastern 28-20
N. 14 New Hampshire + 35-42
N. 21 Connecticut 20-10

Coach: Bob Griffin • Colors: Blue, White & Gold
Nickname: Rams • 1991 Record: 6-5

RICE Houston, TX

S. 5 Air Force
S. 19 Duke
S. 26 Sam Houston State +
O. 3 Texas + 7-28
O. 10 Southern Methodist + 31-10
O. 17 Texas A&M 21-38
O. 24 Texas Christian 28-39
N. 7 Texas Tech + 20-40
N. 14 Baylor + 20-17
N. 21 Navy +
N. 28 Houston 21-41

Coach: Fred Goldsmith • Colors: Blue & Gray
Nickname: Owls • 1991 Record: 4-7

RICHMOND Richmond, VA

S. 12 James Madison + 42-47
S. 19 Villanova 3-35
S. 26 Rhode Island 19-10
O. 3 Maine + 15-19
O. 10 New Hampshire + 0-34
O. 17 Boston University 32-18
O. 24 VMI @ 27-38
O. 31 Connecticut 34-35
N. 7 Massachusetts + 14-42
N. 14 Delaware + 17-23
N. 21 William & Mary + 7-49
@ At Norfolk, VA

Coach: Jim Marshall • Colors: Blue & Red
Nickname: Spiders • 1991 Record: 2-9

RUTGERS New Brunswick, NJ

S. 5 Boston College 20-13
S. 12 Colgate + *
S. 17 Pittsburgh + * 17-22
S. 26 Navy
O. 3 Penn State @ 17-37
O. 10 Syracuse 7-21
O. 17 Army @ 14-12
O. 31 Virginia Tech +
N. 7 Cincinnati *
N. 14 West Virginia + 3-28
N. 21 Temple 41-0
@ At East Rutherford, NJ

Coach: Doug Graber • Colors: Scarlet
Nickname: Scarlet Knights • 1991 Record: 6-5

SAMFORD Birmingham, AL

S. 5 West Georgia +*
S. 12 Auburn *
S. 19 Tennessee Tech * 20-16
S. 26 Bethune-Cookman
O. 3 Western Carolina +* 16-3
O. 10 Eastern Kentucky +*
O. 17 SE Missouri St. + 48-24
O. 31 Alabama-Birmingham +
N. 7 Troy State 24-22
N. 14 UT-Martin
N. 21 Central Florida + 13-6

Coach: Terry Bowden • Colors: Red & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1991 Record: 12-2

SAM HOUSTON STATE Huntsville, TX

S. 12 Western Illinois +* 21-21
S. 19 Angelo State +* 16-6
S. 26 Rice
O. 3 Alcorn State +*
O. 10 Nicholls State 28-19
O. 17 NE Louisiana* 27-15
O. 24 North Texas + 14-16
O. 31 Stephen F. Austin + 3-13
N. 7 Northwestern State* 13-3
N. 14 McNeese State* 17-19
N. 21 SW Texas + 20-14

Coach: Ron Randleman • Colors: Orange & White
Nickname: Bearkats • 1991 Record: 8-3-1

SAN DIEGO STATE San Diego, CA

S. 5 Southern Cal + *
S. 10 Brigham Young * 52-52
S. 26 UCLA 12-37
O. 3 New Mexico * 38-24
O. 17 Texas-El Paso + * 28-21
O. 24 Air Force + * 20-21
O. 31 Colorado State 42-32
N. 7 Wyoming 24-22
N. 14 Hawaii + * 47-21
N. 21 Fresno State + *
N. 28 Miami + * 12-39

Coach: Al Luginbill • Colors: Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Aztecs • 1991 Record:8-4-1

SAN JOSE STATE San Jose, CA

S. 5 California 20-41
S. 12 Minnesota* 20-26
S. 19 SW Louisiana +*
S. 26 Stanford
O. 3 Wyoming
O. 10 Fullerton State +* 35-7
O. 24 Utah State 23-7
O. 31 Nevada-Las Vegas 55-12
N. 7 Nevada +
N. 14 Pacific 64-47
N. 21 New Mexico St. + 39-13

Coach: Ron Turner • Colors: Gold, White & Blue
Nickname: Spartans • 1991 Record: 6-4-1

SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia, SC

S. 5 Georgia +*
S. 12 Arkansas +*
S. 19 East Carolina +* 20-31
S. 26 Kentucky*
O. 3 Alabama
O. 17 Mississippi State +
O. 24 Vanderbilt
O. 31 Tennessee +
N. 7 Louisiana Tech + 12-12
N. 14 Florida
N. 21 Clemson 24-41

Coach: Sparky Woods • Colors: Garnet & Black
Nickname: Gamecocks • 1991 Record: 3-6-2

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
Orangeburg, SC

S. 5 Newberry 28-7
S. 12 Florida A&M * 21-7
S. 19 Southern @ 30-23
O. 3 Jackson State # 6-17
O. 10 Morgan State + 21-6
O. 17 Bethune-Cookman + 21-24
O. 24 North Carolina Central
O. 31 Delaware State 14-19
N. 7 Howard + 10-5
N. 14 Charleston Southern % 12-0
N. 21 North Carolina A&T 21-49
@ At Atlanta, GA
 # At Columbia, SC
% At Summerville, SC

Coach: Willie Jeffries • Colors: Garnet & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1991 Record: 7-4

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE
Cape Girardeau, MO

S. 3 Murray State +* 10-14
S. 12 Southern Illinois 27-28
S. 26 Austin Peay +* 21-24
O. 3 Eastern Kentucky 7-49
O. 10 Tennessee Tech 34-31
O. 17 Samford 24-48
O. 24 Middle Tennessee St. + 0-52
O. 31 UT-Martin + 29-36
N. 7 Morehead State 17-16
N. 14 Illinois State + 7-42
N. 21 Tennessee State 37-34

Coach: John Mumford • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Indians • 1991 Record: 3-8

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Los Angeles, CA

S. 5 San Diego State *
S. 19 Oklahoma
O. 3 Washington 3-14
O. 10 Oregon + 30-14
O. 17 California + 30-52
O. 24 Washington State + 34-27
O. 31 Arizona State * 25-32
N. 7 Stanford 21-24
N. 14 Arizona + 14-31
N. 21 UCLA 21-24
N. 28 Notre Dame +* 20-24

Coach: Larry Smith • Colors: Cardinal & Gold
Nickname: Trojans • 1991 Record: 3-8

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Carbondale, IL

S. 5 Troy State+ ... 13-30
S. 12 SE Missouri St. + ... 28-27
S. 19 Austin Peay + ... 21-17
S. 26 Arkansas St. ...
O. 3 Eastern Illinois * ... 31-30
O. 10 Western Illinois + ... 20-21
O. 17 Northern Iowa + ... 21-20
O. 24 Illinois State ... 14-11
O. 31 Western Kentucky ...
N. 7 SW Missouri St. ... 13-17
N. 21 Indiana State + ... 30-23

Coach: Bob Smith • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Salukis • 1991 Record: 7-4

SOUTHERN METHODIST Dallas, TX

S. 5 Tulane + * ... 31-17
S. 12 North Texas + ...
S. 19 New Mexico * ...
S. 26 Texas Christian + * ... 10-18
O. 3 Baylor ... 7-45
O. 10 Rice ... 10-31
O. 24 Texas Tech ... 14-38
O. 31 Texas A&M + ... 6-65
N. 7 Houston + ... 20-49
N. 14 Texas ... 0-34
N. 21 Arkansas @ ... 6-17
@ At Little Rock, AR

Coach: Tom Rossley • Colors: Red & Blue
Nickname: Mustangs • 1991 Record: 1-10

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Hattiesburg, MS

S. 5 Memphis State + ... 12-17
S. 12 Alabama @ ...
S. 19 Louisiana Tech + ... 14-30
S. 26 Auburn ... 10-9
O. 3 Tulsa + ... 10-13
O. 10 Northern Illinois ...
O. 15 Tulane * ... 47-14
O. 24 Cincinnati + ... 7-17
O. 29 East Carolina * ... 20-48
N. 7 Florida ...
N. 14 Virginia Tech ...
@ At Birmingham, AL

Coach: Jeff Bower • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Golden Eagles • 1991 Record: 4-7

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
Baton Rouge, LA

S. 12 Alabama State +* ... 16-19
S. 19 South Carolina St. @ ... 23-30
O. 3 Mississippi Valley +* ... 0-7
O. 10 Winston-Salem # ...
O. 17 Jackson State +* ... 21-20
O. 24 Alcorn State ... 29-52
O. 31 Nicholls State * ... 7-21
N. 7 Florida A&M +* ... 20-24
N. 14 Texas Southern +* ... 38-30
N. 21 Prairie View A&M * ... 56-20
N. 28 Grambling $ ... 31-30
@ At Atlanta, GA
 # At Shreveport, LA
$ At New Orleans, LA

Coach: Marino Casem • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Jaguars • 1991 Record: 4-7

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA
Lafayette, LA

S. 5 Tennessee * ...
S. 12 NE Louisiana + * ... 10-21
S. 19 San Jose State * ...
O. 3 Houston * ...
O. 10 Louisiana Tech * ... 14-14
O. 17 Fullerton State + * ...
O. 24 Auburn ... 7-50
O. 31 Tulsa ... 20-34
N. 7 Northern Illinois + ... 13-12
N. 21 Arkansas State + * ... 17-13

Coach: Nelson Stokley • Colors: Vermilion & White
Nickname: Ragin' Cajuns • 1991 Record: 2-8-1

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE
Springfield, MO

S. 5 McNeese State * ... 7-3
S. 12 Washburn +* ...
S. 19 North Texas +* ... 21-21
S. 26 Western Kentucky ...
O. 3 Western Illinois + ... 21-26
O. 10 Tulsa ... 13-34
O. 17 Illinois State ... 21-6
O. 24 Eastern Illinois + ... 29-35
N. 7 Southern Illinois + ... 17-13
N. 14 Indiana State ... 68-19
N. 21 Northern Iowa * ... 0-22

Coach: Jesse Branch • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Bears • 1991 Record: 6-4-1

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE
San Marcos, TX

S. 5 Texas A&I * ... 29-14
S. 12 Texas Southern @ * ... 31-29
S. 19 Youngstown St. * ...
S. 26 NE Louisiana * ... 8-17
O. 3 Nicholls State +* ... 19-10
O. 10 Stephen F. Austin +* ... 31-15
O. 24 McNeese State + ... 18-19
O. 31 Northwestern St. * ... 24-0
N. 7 Prairie View A&M ... 59-6
N. 14 North Texas + ... 36-8
N. 21 Sam Houston St. ... 14-20
@ At San Antonio, TX

Coach: Jim Bob Helduser
Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Bobcats • 1991 Record: 7-4

STANFORD Stanford, CA

A. 26 Texas A&M @ * ...
S. 12 Oregon + ... 33-13
S. 19 Northwestern + ...
S. 26 San Jose State + ...
O. 3 Notre Dame ... 26-42
O. 10 UCLA ... 27-10
O. 17 Arizona + ... 23-28
O. 24 Oregon State ... 40-10
O. 31 Washington ... 7-42
N. 7 Southern Cal + ... 24-21
N. 14 Washington State + ... 49-14
N. 21 California ... 38-21
@ At Anaheim, CA

Coach: Bill Walsh • Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Cardinal • 1991 Record: 8-4

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN Nacogdoches, TX

S. 5 Arkansas-Monticello +* ... 50-9
S. 12 Montana St. ...
S. 19 Jackson State +* ... 16-31
S. 26 Boise State +* ... 7-38
O. 10 SW Texas State * ... 15-31
O. 17 North Texas + ... 14-18
O. 24 Nicholls State + ... 0-24
O. 31 Sam Houston St. ... 13-3
N. 7 McNeese State + ... 7-7
N. 14 NE Louisiana * ... 20-48
N. 21 Northwestern St. + ... 0-52

Coach: John Pearce • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1991 Record: 2-8-1

SYRACUSE Syracuse, NY

S. 5 East Carolina * ... 20-23
S. 12 Texas + ...
S. 19 Ohio State + * ...
O. 3 Louisville ...
O. 10 Rutgers + ... 21-7
O. 17 West Virginia ... 16-10
O. 24 Temple ... 27-6
O. 31 Pittsburgh + ... 31-27
N. 7 Virginia Tech + ...
N. 14 Boston College ... 38-16
N. 21 Miami + ...

Coach: Paul Pasqualoni • Colors: Orange
Nickname: Orange • 1991 Record: 10-2

TEMPLE Philadelphia, PA

S. 5 Boston University + ...
S. 12 Penn State ... 7-24
S. 19 Virginia Tech + ...
S. 26 Kansas State * ...
O. 3 Washington State * ...
O. 17 Pittsburgh + ... 7-26
O. 24 Syracuse + ... 6-27
O. 31 Boston College ... 13-33
N. 7 Akron ... 32-37
N. 14 Miami ...
N. 21 Rutgers + ... 0-41

Coach: Jerry Berndt • Colors: Cherry & White
Nickname: Owls • 1991 Record: 2-9

TENNESSEE Knoxville, TN

S. 5 SW Louisiana + ...
S. 12 Georgia ...
S. 19 Florida + ... 18-35
S. 26 Cincinnati + ...
O. 3 Louisiana State* ...
O. 10 Arkansas + ...
O. 17 Alabama + ... 19-24
O. 31 South Carolina ...
N. 14 Memphis State ... 52-24
N. 21 Kentucky + ... 16-7
N. 28 Vanderbilt ... 45-0

Coach: Johnny Majors • Colors: Orange & White
Nickname: Volunteers • 1991 Record: 9-3

UT-CHATTANOOGA Chattanooga, TN

S. 5 Boise State * ...
S. 12 UT-Martin +* ... 21-14
S. 26 Central Arkansas +* ...
O. 3 Clemson ...
O. 10 The Citadel +* ... 33-26
O. 17 Western Carolina +* ... 24-27
O. 24 Marshall ... 38-31
O. 31 Appalachian St. +* ... 7-42
N. 7 East Tennessee St. +* ... 43-26
N. 14 Furman + ... 21-24
N. 21 VMI ... 50-14

Coach: Buddy Nix • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold
Nickname: Moccasins • 1991 Record: 7-4

UT-MARTIN Martin, TN

S. 5 Delta State +* ... 27-37
S. 12 UT-Chattanooga * ... 14-21
S. 26 Morehead St. *+ ... 32-28
O. 3 Tennessee Tech ... 24-16
O. 10 Murray State +* ... 34-40
O. 17 Tennessee St. ...
O. 24 Eastern Kentucky + ... 21-56
O. 31 SE Missouri State ... 36-29
N. 7 Middle Tenn. St. + ... 14-51
N. 14 Samford + ...
N. 21 Austin Peay ... 34-28

Coach: Don McLeary • Colors: Blue, Orange & White
Nickname: Pacers • 1991 Record: 5-6

TENNESSEE STATE Nashville, TN

S. 5 Middle Tenn. St. % * ... 6-42
S. 12 Jackson State @ * ... 19-41
S. 19 Grambling * ... 21-24
S. 26 Florida A&M # ... 7-43
O. 10 Morehead State ...
O. 17 UT-Martin + ...
O. 24 Austin Peay + ... 17-31
O. 31 Eastern Kentucky ... 20-27
N. 7 Tennessee Tech ... 14-10
N. 14 Murray State + ... 28-7
N. 21 SE Missouri State + ... 37-34
% At Nashville, TN
@ At Memphis, TN
 # At Atlanta, GA

Coach: Joe Gilliam, Sr. • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Tigers • 1991 Record: 3-8

TENNESSEE TECH Cookeville, TN

S. 12 Lock Haven +* ...
S. 19 Samford +* ... 16-20
S. 26 Eastern Kentucky * ... 13-19
O. 3 UT-Martin + ... 16-24
O. 10 SE Missouri St. * ... 31-34
O. 17 Austin Peay ... 32-7
O. 24 Morehead State + ... 20-21
O. 31 Murray State * ... 45-7
N. 7 Tennessee St. + ... 10-14
N. 14 Marshall ...
N. 21 Middle Tennessee St. ... 10-28

Coach: Jim Ragland • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Golden Eagles • 1991 Record: 2-9

TEXAS Austin, TX

S. 5 Mississipi State +* ... 6-13
S. 12 Syracuse ...
S. 26 North Texas +* ...
O. 3 Rice ... 28-7
O. 10 Oklahoma @ ... 10-7
O. 24 Houston + ... 14-23
O. 31 Texas Tech ... 23-15
N. 7 Texas Christian ... 32-0
N. 14 Southern Methodist + ... 34-0
N. 21 Baylor ... 11-21
N. 26 Texas A&M +* ... 14-31
@ At Dallas, TX

Coach: John Mackovic
Colors: Burnt Orange & White
Nickname: Longhorns • 1991 Record: 5-6

TEXAS A&M College Station, TX

A. 26 Stanford @ * ...
S. 5 Louisiana State ... 45-7
S. 12 Tulsa + * ... 34-35
S. 19 Missouri ...
O. 3 Texas Tech + ... 37-14
O. 17 Rice + ... 38-21
O. 24 Baylor + ... 34-12
O. 31 Southern Methodist ... 65-6
N. 7 Louisville + ...
N. 12 Houston * ... 27-18
N. 21 Texas Christian + ... 44-7
N. 26 Texas * ... 31-14
@ At Anaheim, CA

Coach: R.C. Slocum • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Aggies • 1991 Record: 10-2

TEXAS CHRISTIAN Fort Worth, TX

S. 5 New Mexico* ... 60-7
S. 12 Western Michigan +* ...
S. 26 Southern Methodist* ... 18-10
O. 3 Oklahoma State +* ... 24-21
O. 10 Baylor +* ... 9-26
O. 17 Miami ...
O. 24 Rice + ... 39-28
O. 31 Houston ... 49-45
N. 7 Texas + ... 0-32
N. 14 Texas Tech + ... 30-16
N. 21 Texas A&M ... 7-44

Coach: Pat Sullivan • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Horned Frogs • 1991 Record: 7-4

TEXAS-EL PASO El Paso, TX

S. 5 Brigham Young + * ... 29-31
S. 12 Nevada-Las Vegas * ...
S. 19 New Mexico State + * ... 22-21
O. 3 Air Force + * ... 13-20
O. 10 Colorado State ... 18-23
O. 17 San Diego State * ... 21-28
O. 24 Utah ... 9-10
O. 31 Hawaii + * ... 41-24
N. 7 Tulsa + * ...
N. 14 New Mexico ... 35-19
N. 28 Fresno State + * ...

Coach: David Lee • Colors: Orange, White & Blue
Nickname: Miners • 1991 Record: 4-7-1

TEXAS SOUTHERN Houston, TX

S. 5 Prairie View A&M * @ ... 23-6
S. 12 SW Texas State * # ... 29-31
S. 26 Central St. (OH) ... 19-10
O. 3 Alcorn State ... 26-7
O. 10 Knoxville College + ...
O. 17 Alabama State * % ... 14-14
O. 24 Mississippi Valley St. + ... 32-22
O. 31 Grambling +* ... 27-30
N. 7 Jackson State * ... 12-13
N. 14 Southern * ... 30-38
N. 21 Nevada ...
@ At Houston, TX
 # At San Antonio, TX
% At Mobile, AL

Coach: Walter Highsmith • Colors: Maroon & Gray
Nickname: Tigers • 1991 Record: 5-5-1

TEXAS TECH Lubbock, TX

S. 3 Oklahoma + * ...
S. 12 Wyoming + * ... 17-22
S. 19 Oregon ... 13-28
S. 26 Baylor + * ... 31-24
O. 3 Texas A&M ... 14-37
O. 10 North Carolina St. ...
O. 24 Southern Methodist + ... 38-14
O. 31 Texas + ... 15-23
N. 7 Rice ... 40-20
N. 14 Texas Christian ... 16-30
N. 21 Houston + ... 52-46

Coach: Spike Dykes • Colors: Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Red Raiders • 1991 Record: 6-5

TOLEDO Toledo, OH

S. 5 Arkansas State +* ...
S. 12 Akron* ...
S. 19 Purdue ...
S. 26 Central Michigan ... 16-16
O. 10 Western Michigan +* ... 23-13
O. 17 Bowling Green +* ... 21-24
O. 24 Miami (OH) ... 24-7
O. 31 Kent State + ... 13-14
N. 7 Ball State ... 3-9
N. 14 Eastern Michigan +* ... 21-14
N. 21 Northern Illinois ... 42-21

Coach: Gary Pinkel • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Rockets • 1991 Record: 5-5-1

TOWSON STATE Towson, MD

S. 12 Rhode Island ... 25-45
S. 19 Bucknell +* ...
S. 26 Hofstra +* ... 26-30
O. 3 Liberty +* ... 28-38
O. 10 Delaware State ... 7-13
O. 17 William & Mary ...
O. 24 James Madison+ ... 31-55
O. 31 Indiana (PA) ... 10-54
N. 14 Northeastern + ... 13-50
N. 21 Delaware ...

Coach: Gordy Combs • Colors: Gold & White
Nickname: Tigers • 1991 Record: 1-10

TULANE New Orleans, LA

S. 5 Southern Methodist *	17-31
S. 12 Mississippi *	3-22
S. 19 Iowa State	
S. 26 Nevada + *	
O. 10 Alabama + *	0-62
O. 17 Southern Mississippi + *	14-47
O. 24 Boston College + *	
O. 31 Memphis State +	0-48
N. 7 Navy	34-7
N. 14 Florida State	11-38
N. 21 Louisiana State *	20-39

Coach: Buddy Teevens
Colors: Olive Green & Sky Blue
Nickname: Green Wave ● 1991 Record: 1-10

TULSA Tulsa, OK

S. 5 Houston + *	
S. 12 Texas A&M *	35-34
S. 19 Kansas + *	17-23
S. 26 Oklahoma State	13-7
O. 3 Southern Mississippi	13-10
O. 10 SW Missouri State +	34-13
O. 17 Louisville	40-0
O. 24 Memphis State +	33-28
O. 31 SW Louisiana +	34-20
N. 7 Texas-El Paso *	
N. 28 Hawaii *	

Coach: Dave Rader ● Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Hurricane ● 1991 Record: 10-2

UCLA Los Angeles, CA

S. 12 Fullerton St. +	
S. 19 Brigham Young	27-23
S. 26 San Diego State +	37-12
O. 3 Arizona *	54-14
O. 10 Stanford +	10-27
O. 17 Washington State	44-3
O. 24 Arizona State +	21-16
O. 31 California	24-27
N. 7 Oregon State +	44-7
N. 14 Oregon	16-7
N. 21 Southern Cal + *	24-21

Coach: Terry Donahue ● Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Bruins ● 1991 Record: 9-3

UTAH Salt Lake City, UT

S. 5 Nebraska	
S. 12 Utah State	12-7
S. 26 Oregon State + *	22-10
O. 3 Colorado State	21-16
O. 10 Hawaii +	26-52
O. 17 New Mexico *	30-7
O. 24 Texas-El Paso +	10-9
O. 31 Air Force	21-24
N. 7 Fresno State *	
N. 14 Wyoming +	57-42
N. 21 Brigham Young +	17-48

Coach: Ron McBride ● Colors: Crimson & White
Nickname: Utes ● 1991 Record: 7-5

UTAH STATE Logan, UT

S. 5 Arizona*	
S. 12 Utah +	7-12
S. 19 Baylor *	
S. 26 New Mexico State +	46-21
O. 2 Brigham Young*	10-38
O. 17 Kansas State +	
O. 24 San Jose State +	7-23
O. 31 Fullerton State *	26-3
N. 7 Nevada-Las Vegas +	27-14
N. 14 Nevada	
N. 21 Pacific	21-14

Coach: Charlie Weatherbie
Colors: Navy Blue & White
Nickname: Aggies ● 1991 Record: 5-6

VANDERBILT Nashville, TN

S. 5 Alabama	17-48
S. 12 Duke + *	13-17
S. 19 Mississippi + *	30-27
O. 3 Auburn	22-24
O. 10 Wake Forest +	
O. 17 Georgia	27-25
O. 24 South Carolina +	
N. 7 Kentucky	17-7
N. 14 Navy	
N. 21 Florida +	
N. 28 Tennessee +	0-45

Coach: Gerry DiNardo ● Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Commodores ● 1991 Record: 5-6

VILLANOVA Villanova, PA

S. 4 West Chester +*	
S. 12 Bucknell +	40-0
S. 19 Richmond +	35-3
O. 3 Boston University	56-6
O. 10 Connecticut	35-13
O. 17 Delaware +	28-38
O. 24 Massachusetts	24-14
O. 31 Rhode Island +	49-14
N. 7 New Hampshire	33-7
N. 14 Fordham+	14-9
N. 21 Maine +	48-7

Coach: Andy Talley ● Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats ● 1991 Record: 10-2

VIRGINIA Charlottesville, VA

S. 5 Maryland +	6-17
S. 12 Navy *	17-10
S. 19 Georgia Tech +	21-24
S. 26 Duke	34-3
O. 3 Wake Forest	48-7
O. 10 Clemson +	20-20
O. 17 North Carolina	14-9
O. 24 William & Mary +	
O. 31 Florida State +	
N. 7 North Carolina State +	42-10
N. 21 Virginia Tech	38-0

Coach: George Welsh ● Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Cavaliers ● 1991 Record: 8-3-1

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE Lexington, VA

S. 5 East Tennessee St. *	35-20
S. 12 William & Mary	26-40
S. 19 Marshall +	0-61
S. 26 West Virginia Tech +	
O. 3 Furman	28-46
O. 10 Western Carolina	27-25
O. 17 Appalachian State	19-24
O. 24 Richmond @	38-27
N. 7 Wofford +	
N. 14 The Citadel	14-17
N. 21 UT-Chattanooga +	14-50

@ Norfolk, VA

Coach: Jim Shuck ● Colors: Red, White & Yellow
Nickname: Keydets ● 1991 Record: 4-7

VIRGINIA TECH Blacksburg, VA

S. 5 James Madison + *	41-12
S. 12 East Carolina	17-24
S. 19 Temple	
S. 26 West Virginia +	20-14
O. 10 Louisville	41-13
O. 17 North Carolina St. +	0-7
O. 24 Miami +	
O. 31 Rutgers	
N. 7 Syracuse	
N. 14 Southern Miss +	
N. 21 Virginia +	0-38

Coach: Frank Beamer ● Colors: Maroon & Orange
Nickname: Gobblers, Hokies ● 1991 Record: 5-6

WAKE FOREST Winston-Salem, NC

S. 5 North Carolina +	10-24
S. 12 Appalachian State + *	3-17
S. 26 Florida State *	
O. 3 Virginia +	7-48
O. 10 Vanderbilt	
O. 17 Maryland	22-23
O. 24 Army +	
O. 31 Clemson +	10-28
N. 7 Duke	31-14
N. 14 Georgia Tech	3-27
N. 21 North Carolina St.	3-30

Coach: Bill Dooley ● Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Demon Deacons ● 1991 Record: 3-8

WASHINGTON Seattle, WA

S. 5 Arizona State*	44-16
S. 12 Wisconsin +	
S. 19 Nebraska +	36-21
O. 3 Southern Cal +	14-3
O. 10 California +	24-17
O. 17 Oregon	29-7
O. 24 Pacific +	
O. 31 Stanford +	42-7
N. 7 Arizona*	54-0
N. 14 Oregon State +	58-6
N. 21 Washington State	56-21

Coach: Don James ● Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Huskies ● 1991 Record: 12-0

WASHINGTON STATE Pullman, WA

S. 5 Montana +	
S. 12 Arizona *	40-27
S. 26 Fresno State*	30-34
O. 3 Temple +	
O. 10 Oregon State	55-7
O. 17 UCLA +	3-44
O. 24 Southern Cal	27-34
O. 31 Oregon +	14-40
N. 7 Arizona State +	17-3
N. 14 Stanford	14-49
N. 21 Washington +	21-56

Coach: Mike Price ● Colors: Crimson & Gray
Nickname: Cougars ● 1991 Record: 4-7

WEBER STATE Ogden, UT

S. 5 New Mexico St.*	
S. 12 Southern Utah +*	33-14
S. 19 Idaho	45-17
S. 26 Montana State +*	36-25
O. 3 Eastern Washington	63-59
O. 10 Montana +*	38-47
O. 17 Boise State *	35-32
O. 24 Idaho State +*	60-41
O. 31 Nevada	49-55
N. 7 Northern Arizona *	43-38
N. 21 McNeese State +	

Coach: Dave Arslanian
Colors: Royal Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats ● 1991 Record: 8-4

WESTERN CAROLINA Cullowhee, NC

S. 5 Mars Hill +*	
S. 12 Georgia Tech *	
S. 26 Ferrum +*	
O. 3 Samford *	3-16
O. 10 VMI +	25-27
O. 17 UT-Chattanooga *	27-24
O. 24 The Citadel +	13-38
O. 31 Marshall +	24-27
N. 7 Furman	14-42
N. 14 East Tennessee St. +	29-15
N. 21 Appalachian St.	14-24

Coach: Steve Hodgin ● Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Catamounts ● 1991 Record: 2-9

WESTERN ILLINOIS Macomb, IL

S. 5 Missouri Western St. +*	
S. 12 Sam Houston St. *	21-21
S. 19 Western Kentucky +*	
S. 26 Central Florida +	
O. 3 SW Missouri St.	26-21
O. 10 Southern Illinois	21-20
O. 17 Eastern Illinois +	16-15
O. 24 Indiana State +	6-7
O. 31 Illinois State +	22-12
N. 7 Morgan State +	44-6
N. 14 Northern Iowa *	17-24

Coach: Randy Ball ● Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Leathernecks ● 1991 Record: 7-4-1

WESTERN KENTUCKY Bowling Green, KY

S. 5 Eastern Kentucky +*	22-37
S. 12 Indiana State +*	14-31
S. 19 Western Illinois *	
S. 26 SW Missouri St. +	
O. 10 Northern Iowa *	21-49
O. 17 Troy State	23-39
O. 24 Central Florida +	
O. 29 Southern Illinois +	
N. 7 Illinois State	8-31
N. 14 Eastern Illinois	28-26
N. 21 Murray State	14-0

Coach: Jack Harbaugh ● Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Hilltoppers ● 1991 Record: 3-8

WESTERN MICHIGAN Kalamazoo, MI

S. 5 Bowling Green	10-23
S. 12 Texas Christian *	
S. 19 Akron +	
S. 26 Ohio University	35-9
O. 3 Ball State +	25-16
O. 10 Toledo*	13-23
O. 17 Eastern Michigan +	24-42
O. 24 Kent State	13-10
O. 31 Northern Illinois +	22-10
N. 7 Miami (OH)	24-23
N. 14 Central Michigan +	17-27

Coach: Al Molde ● Colors: Brown & Gold
Nickname: Broncos ● 1991 Record: 6-5

WEST VIRGINIA Morgantown, WV

S. 5 Miami (OH) +	
S. 12 Pittsburgh	3-34
S. 19 Maryland +	37-7
S. 26 Virginia Tech	14-20
O. 3 Boston College +	31-24
O. 17 Syracuse +	10-16
O. 24 Penn State +	6-51
O. 31 Miami	3-27
N. 7 East Carolina +	
N. 14 Rutgers	28-3
N. 21 Louisiana Tech +	

Coach: Don Nehlen ● Colors: Old Gold & Blue
Nickname: Mountaineers ● 1991 Record: 6-5

WILLIAM & MARY Williamsburg, VA

S. 12 VMI +	40-26
S. 19 Boston University +	48-22
S. 26 Harvard	
O. 3 Brown +	
O. 10 Penn	
O. 17 Towson State +	
O. 24 Virginia	
O. 31 James Madison	28-29
N. 7 Colgate	
N. 14 Lehigh +	37-41
N. 21 Richmond	49-7

Coach: Jimmye Laycock ● Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Tribe, Indians ● 1991 Record: 5-6

WISCONSIN Madison, WI

S. 12 Washington	
S. 19 Bowling Green	
S. 26 Northern Illinois +	
O. 3 Ohio State +	16-31
O. 10 Iowa	6-10
O. 17 Purdue +	7-28
O. 24 Indiana	20-28
O. 31 Illinois +	6-22
N. 7 Michigan State	7-20
N. 14 Minnesota +	19-16
N. 21 Northwestern	32-14

Coach: Barry Alvarez ● Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Badgers ● 1991 Record: 5-6

WYOMING Laramie, WY

S. 5 Nevada +	
S. 12 Texas Tech *	22-17
S. 19 Air Force +	28-51
S. 26 Louisville	
O. 3 San Jose State +	
O. 10 New Mexico +	39-19
O. 17 Brigham Young +	31-56
O. 24 Colorado State	35-28
O. 31 Fresno State *	
N. 7 San Diego State +	22-24
N. 14 Utah	42-57
N. 21 Hawaii *	17-32

Coach: Joe Tiller ● Colors: Brown & Yellow
Nickname: Cowboys, Pokes ● 1991 Record: 4-6-1

YALE New Haven, CT

S. 19 Brown	36-20
S. 26 Holy Cross +	
O. 3 Connecticut	20-34
O. 10 Fordham +	
O. 17 Dartmouth	24-28
O. 24 Columbia +	36-9
O. 31 Pennsylvania	31-12
N. 7 Cornell +	6-31
N. 14 Princeton +	16-22
N. 21 Harvard	23-13

Coach: Carmen Cozza ● Colors: Scarlet & White
Nickname: Elis, Bulldogs ● 1991 Record: 6-4

YOUNGSTOWN STATE Youngstown, OH

S. 5 Clarion + *	
S. 12 Delaware State + *	29-33
S. 19 SW Texas St. *	
S. 26 James Madison + *	28-21
O. 3 Indiana State	
O. 10 Illinois State + *	
O. 17 Northeastern	59-7
O. 31 Eastern Illinois +	
N. 7 Ohio University	
N. 14 Akron	24-38
N. 21 Georgia Southern +	19-17

Coach: Jim Tressel ● Colors: Scarlet & White
Nickname: Penguins ● 1991 Record: 12-3

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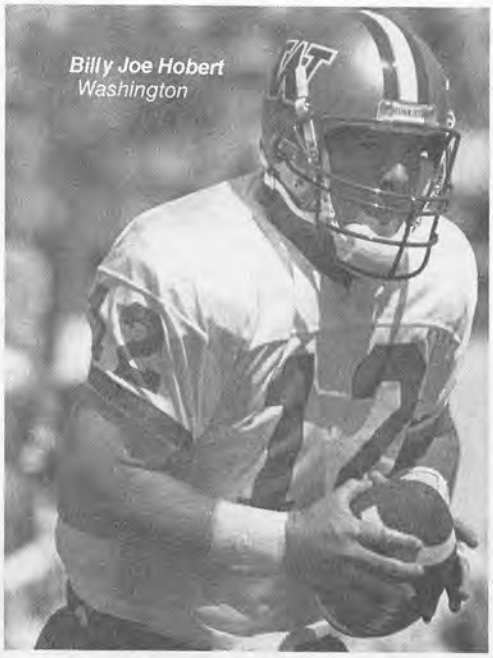
WASHINGTON

The Huskies may not be quite as husky as they were in 1991, when they posted their school's first unbeaten season (12-0) since 1916, won the Rose Bowl, and shared the national championship with Miami. "This team is a lot different from last year's team, national Coach of the Year Don James said. "It doesn't have near the balance of strength and experience. We may have strong guys and fast guys, but we're not going to be nearly as experienced."

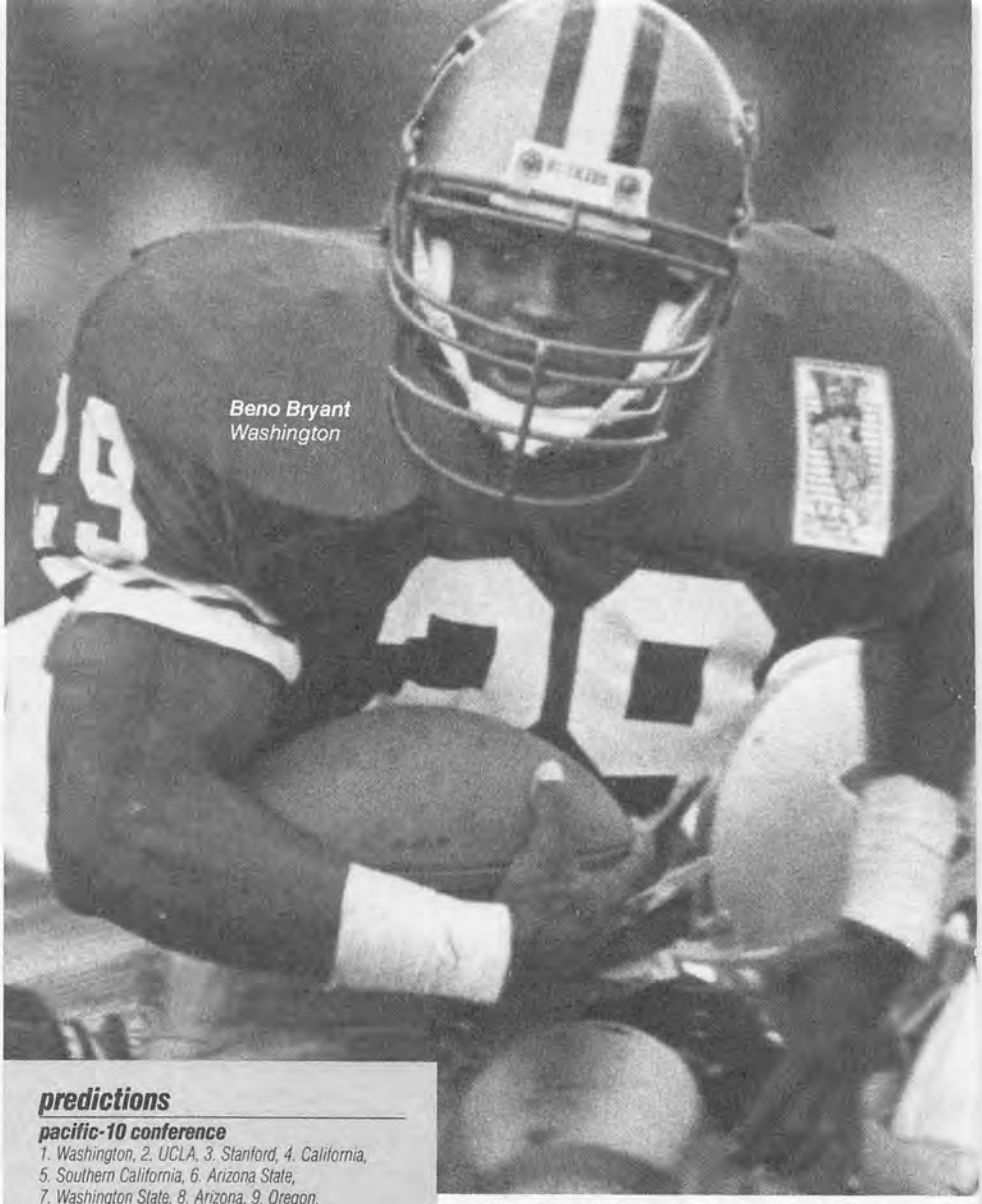
Shed no tears for the James' boys, however, even if players such as Steve Emtman, Mario Bailey, Dana Hall, and Ed Cunningham have moved on to the pros. The Huskies figure to be big favorites to win the Pac-10 and at least contend for national No. 1 honors again.

The offense lost plenty at wide receiver and in the line, but it has talent almost too great to enumerate at quarterback and running back. Both quarterbacks, Billy Joe Hobert and Mark Brunell, have guided the team to Rose Bowl victories. Hobert was a 12-game starter in 1991, passing for 2,271 yards, the most by a


Billy Joe Hobert
Washington

Husky sophomore since Sonny Sixkiller in 1970. All the tailbacks and fullbacks return, led by Beno Bryant and Jay Barry, who shared time at tailback, rushing for 943 and 718 yards, respectively. Then there's Napoleon Kaufman, who would start for most teams, plus fullbacks Matt Jones, another 12-game starter, Darius Turner, and Leif Johnson.

James figures lettermen Damon Barry, Joe Kralik, and Damon Mack will be able to give reasonable approximations of graduated wide receivers Bailey and Orlando McKay, but he's more concerned about his offensive line, which will be minus starters Cunningham, Kris Rongen, and Siupeli Malamala. There's one huge building block in all-Pac-10 tackle


Beno Bryant
Washington

predictions

pacific-10 conference

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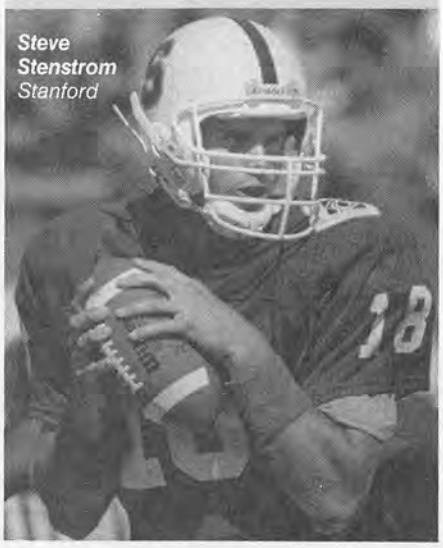

Steve Stenstrom
Stanford

Lincoln Kennedy (6-7, 325), one of the nation's best, and another returning starter, guard Jim Nevelle, who likely will shift to center with Pete Pierson at the other tackle and Pete Kaligis, who bench presses more than 500 pounds, and Andrew Peterson at guard.

Emtman, who left school a year early when lured by pro dollars, nose guard Tyrone Rodgers, and strong-side linebacker Donald Jones are gone from the defensive line. D'Marco Farr and Mike Lustyk will try to fill in for Emtman and Rodgers, joining returning starter Andy Mason. Jamal Fountaine likely will take over for Jones.

The inside-linebacking corps should be terrific, with All-America Dave Hoffman and Jaime Fields, who shared time with the departed Chico Fraley, and three-year letterman James Clifford. The Husky secondary looks very solid, too, with three starters and seven lettermen back. Walter Bailey was a 10-game starter at right cornerback and a second-team all-Pac-10 selection; Shane Pahukoa opened all 12 games at free safety and Tommie Smith started eight at rover. Sophomore Josh Moore and redshirt Reggie Reser will compete to take over for Hall at the other corner.

Place-kicker Travis Hanson, punter John Werdel, and kickoff specialist Jason Crabbe all return, and James figures their numbers will be better with experience. Walk-on Werdel averaged a very respectable 40.8 yards, freeing Hanson to be a full-time place-kicker.

The Huskies were delighted to share a national title last season ("It's not easy to go 12-0," said James) but they know that the pressure will increase now that they've done that,

and have a 14-game winning streak over two seasons. "We have to ask ourselves if we're still doing the same things we did to get us where we were last year," James said. "We recognize that as big a target as we've been, we'll be even a bigger one."

UCLA

With quarterback Tommy Maddox back, the Bruins would have been favored by many to give Washington a real tussle in the Pac-10. But Maddox isn't back. He passed up his last two years of college eligibility and turn professional. So the Bruins are looking for a quarterback, and the rest of the league is breathing at least a momentary sigh of relief.

Coach Terry Donahue's team still should be very good. The coach himself said, "On both sides of the football we have players who can make us successful. I think Bruin fans will enjoy the 1992 season." How much they enjoy it should depend largely on how sophomore Wayne Cook or redshirt freshman Rob Walker runs the team. Cook is certainly big enough, but he took only eight snaps last season and has yet to throw a pass as a Bruin.

The new quarterback won't lack for experienced and talented help off a team that was 9-3 overall and 6-2 and tied for second in the Pac-10. Returning are six offensive starters, including all-conference running back Kevin Williams (Pac-10-leading 1,141 yards rushing); second-team All-America split end Sean LaChapelle (73 catches for 1,056 yards); excellent junior tackles Vaughn Parker, another all-Pac-10 first-teamer, and Craig Novitsky; center Aron Gideon, and tight end Rick Daly.

There also are veterans at fullback in Kaleaph Carter, an excellent lead blocker, and at right guard in junior Derek Stevens, who alternated with Scott Spalding last season and will compete with sophomore James Christensen this fall. Either senior Ron Nielsen or redshirt freshman Matt Soenksen should play at the other guard spot.

Donahue's defense, second-best in the Pac-10 in 1991, returns six starters, too, led by All-America candidates Carlton Gray at cornerback and Arnold Ale at inside linebacker, along with end Mike Chalenski and safety Othello Henderson. Chalenski likely will team up front with a pair of juniors, nose guard Bruce Walker and tackle Matt Werner, with sophomore Shane Jasper set to join Ale at inside 'backer. Outside linebacker is less sure, but there's a load of young talent, notably juniors Garrett Greedy and Bradley Craig and sophomores Rod Smalley and Jamir Miller, a coming star.

The strength of the Bruin defense, at least at the start of the season, will be in the secondary. Gray set a school record with 11 interceptions last season and Henderson had 59 tackles, highest among Bruin returnees. Travis Collier, Marvin Goodwin, and touted transfer Donovan Gallatin will compete for the strong-safety spot vacated by Matt Darby, while sophomore Carl Greenwood, a second-team freshman All-America a year ago, is the front-runner at the cornerback spot opposite Gray.

Louis Perez connected on 15 of 21 field-goal attempts in '91, second in the Pac-10; both punters, Darren Schager (39-yard average) and Courtney Keyler, return. Donahue is hoping for more consistency from them.

The Bruins get a huge break in that they don't have to play Washington. And the non-conference schedule (Cal State Fullerton, Brigham Young, and San Diego State) doesn't look too taxing, either. Donahue's team was ranked 18th and 19th in the final polls last fall and ended with a John Hancock Bowl victory over Illinois. This should be another top 20 campaign. If Cook, Walker, or one of two incoming freshmen—Ryan Fien or Scott Fitterer—emerges quickly, it could be a lot better than that.

STANFORD

Bill Walsh said he was following his bliss in returning to college football after a 14-year absence. The question is whether, at 60, Walsh will find that bliss or merely a headache in coping with some realities that are far removed from the professional football milieu from which he turned himself into a legend.

The guess is that the master will do just fine. His former pupil, Denny Green, left him plenty to work with from a team that finished 8-4 overall, was 6-2 and tied for second in the Pac-10, played in the Aloha Bowl, and finished No. 17 in the national rankings.

Walsh could be a little thin going in at running back and wide receiver. Touchdown Tommy Vardell, who almost literally carried the Cardinal in 1991, is gone, as are wide receivers Chris Walsh and Jon Pinckney. Walsh figures to find a way to turn senior running back Glyn Milburn into a bona fide star, however, in the manner that he helped Darrin Nelson blossom in his previous stint on The Farm. Milburn had 1,514 all-purpose yards and was second-team all-Pac-10 in '91, but he can do a lot more. J.J. Lasley and Mark Hatzenbuhler will try to fill Vardell's huge shoes, with Mike Cook, David Shaw, Justin Armour, and Ed Herring looking to start at wide receiver.

Junior Steve Stenstrom emerged quickly last season to finish first in the Pac-10 and 10th in the nation in passing efficiency. He should be perfect for the Walsh offense. He was injured and missed most of spring practice, but that gave Walsh a chance to tutor youngsters Mark Butterfield and Chris Berg.

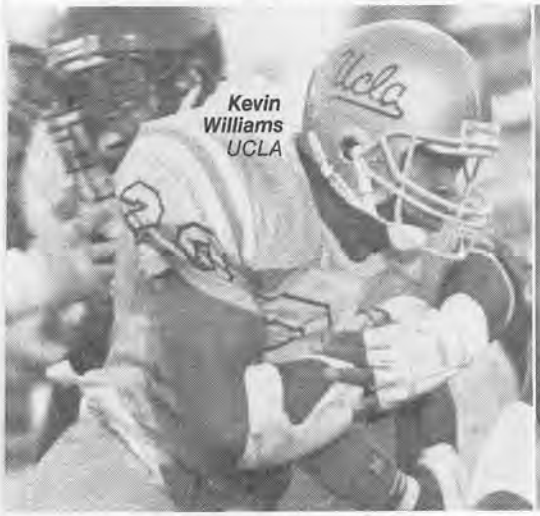
Consensus All-America Bob Whitfield is a big loss in the offensive line, but this still should be one of the league's best, with four starters back: fine guards Brian Cassidy and Chris Dalman, tackle Steve Hoyem, and center Glen Cavanaugh. Mammoth Derron Klafter should replace Whitfield, with often-injured senior Ryan Wetnight at tight end—a key position in the Walsh offense.

The defense, which improved significantly in '91, returns 10 starters, led by All-America candidate Ron George and fellow outside linebacker Dave Garnett. Back in the Cardinal front are tackle Jason Fisk and Estevan Avila and nose guard Tyrone Parker. Parker and Avila were honorable-mention all-Pac-10. Tom Williams and Coy Gibbs, son of Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs, are at inside linebackers, flanked by the estimable George, who had eight sacks and 18 tackles for loss, and Garnett, with help from former starter Jimmy Klein, who was hurt last season.

The secondary loses strong safety Albert Richardson but returns cornerbacks Darrien Gordon and Vaughn Bryant and free safety Seyon Albert. Converted quarterback John Lynch looks like the other safety.

Paul Stonehouse (37.8 yards per kick) returns as the No. 1 punter. Place-kicker Aaron Mills may well be challenged by prep All-America Eric Abrams.

The schedule is no bargain. Walsh's squad opens with Texas A&M and has to play at both Washington and UCLA in addition to Notre Dame, an October 3 game that may create the media circus of '92. But Walsh is optimistic. "We should be a very solid Pac-10 contender," he said. "If players emerge that can fill the voids created through graduation, I think we can sustain the improvements Denny Green and his staff began."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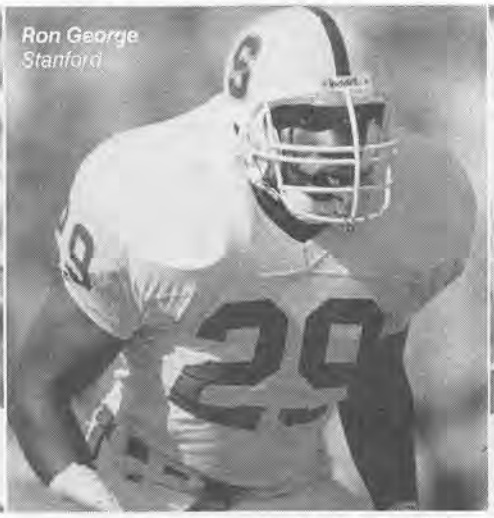
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CALIFORNIA

The Bears made a dramatic jump in 1991, finishing in the top 10 in the final polls after a 10-2 season that included a victory over Clemson in the Citrus Bowl. So the primary emotion heading into 1992 should be euphoria. Instead, it's uncertainty, because the man who engineered the success (coach Bruce Snyder) has moved on to Arizona State, and the quarterback who was so instrumental in it (Mike Pawlawski) is now a pro.

The new coach is Keith Gilbertson, who helped build the Washington Huskies into a national champion after some impressive years as a head coach at Idaho. His new quarterback will be either Perry Klein, a junior who didn't play much behind Pawlawski and had a troubled spring, or one of two youngsters, Dave Barr or Todd Preston. How offensive strategist Gilbertson and his quarterback come together will go a long way in determining if the Bears can improve on last season's record, which included a 6-2 mark and a second-place tie in the Pac-10.

Some thought Heisman Trophy candidate Russell White had an off year as a junior. But he still rushed for 1,280 yards; after deciding to return to Cal rather than turn pro, he seems primed for a big season. His backup, Lindsey Chapman, is nearly as good. Greg Zomalt is a highly underrated fullback.

Brian Treggs is gone from the receiving corps, but big-play junior Sean Dawkins (17 TD receptions in two seasons) should come into his own, and Mike Caldwell and Damien Semien are back, too. Gilbertson will have a bit more concern initially in his offensive line, which loses starters Troy Auzenne, Steve Gordon, and Brent Woodall. The anchors are tackle Todd Steussie and guard Eric Mahlum, who will be shifted into Gordon's spot at center. The other tackle should be JC All-America Randy Nonhof, with Sam Sagapolu (6-0, 325) and either Layne Hall or Al Casner likely at guard, and Chris Carpenter at tight end.

The Bears' aggressive style of defense helped the team finish ninth in the nation in turnover margin—and the turnovers were converted into points 90 percent of the time. Seven starters are back from that tough unit, beginning with honors candidates Mack Travis and Chidi Ahanotu up front. They should be joined by a pair of tall sophomores, Brad Bowers and Brad Monahan, or senior Scott Roseman. The inside linebackers, Mick Barsala and Jerrott Willard, are first-rate. The outside position manned so capably in '91 by the departed Cornell Collier may go to converted safety Michael Davis.

The secondary should be deep and good. Back are starting cornerbacks Chris Cannon and Wolf Barber and strong safety Eric Zomalt. Free safety David Wilson will be tough to replace, but reserve Darryl Brown has talent. Transfer Ike Booth and former tailback Tyrone Edward might figure as well.

The kicking game could be the strongest in the conference, with junior Doug Brien, the NCAA's top-ranked place-kicker (22 of 31 field-goal attempts) and senior punter Chris Noonan (40-yard average).

The Bears' early schedule looks only moderately difficult, which may give the young quarterbacks time to mesh with Gilbertson and his offensive scheme. One thing is certain: Gilbertson will not be starting from scratch. After years of languishing in the Pac 10's second division, the Bears will be competing consistently with the big guys now.

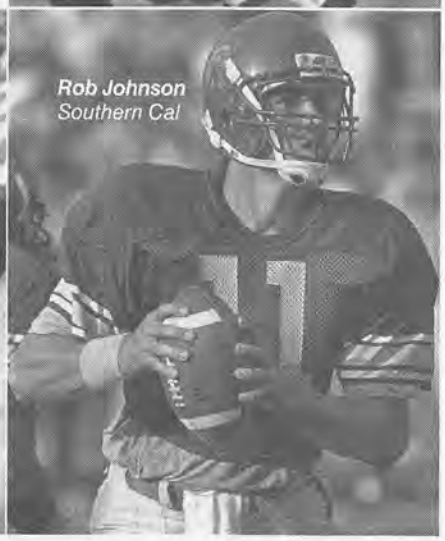
Mack Travis
California

SOUTHERN CAL

The first thing Larry Smith has to do is try to purge the memories of a football season that was anything but Trojan-like: 3-8, the worst mark since 1957 and only the second losing season since 1961. Smith's squad also ended the year with six straight defeats, a school record, en route to a 2-6 finish and eighth place in the conference.

On talent alone, this season should be better. A return to the Pac-10's first division is likely. How much more depends mainly on how a host of young players mature. That's most important at quarterback, where Smith did not get nearly enough out of sophomore Reggie Perry last season. Perry may well lose his starting job to sophomore Rob Johnson, who started one game. Tailback Deon Strother (614 yards rushing) and fullback Wes Bender should be the other backfield starters, but don't be surprised if Estrus Crayton, who emerged late in the season, supplants Strother. It should be a formidable duo. The top six receivers are back, starting with flanker Curtis Conway, the all-Pac-10 return specialist, split end Johnnie Morton, and backups Larry Wallace and Travis Hannah.

Mick Barsala
California


Rob Johnson
Southern Cal

The line will be led by tight end Yonnie Jackson and sophomore tackle Tony Boselli, who was all-Pac-10 in his rookie campaign and a freshman All-America. Other returning starters are center Craig Gibson and guard Kris Pollack, who might end up at tackle this fall. Smith needs to replace tackle Michael Moody and guard Derrick Deese. The leading candidates are senior Titus Tuiasosopo, who's coming off a knee injury; juniors David Apolskis, Joel Crisman, and Len Gorecki; sophomore Clay Hattabaugh, and redshirt freshmen Robert Loya and Kyle Ramsey.

Nine starters return on defense, but Smith admits he has a lot of work to do in trying to create a more aggressive, attacking style. Back in the line are second-team all-Pac-10 David Webb, Mike Hinz, and Terry McDaniels, with Gidion Murrell at inside linebacker and dominating Willie McGinest and versatile Lamont Hollinquest at outside linebacker. Sophomore Brian Williams is expected to replace Matt Gee at the other inside spot.

The secondary looks solid, with safeties Stephon Pace and Mike Salmon returning, along with corner Jason Oliver. Soph Jerald Henry is the likely man at the other corner, filling in for the departed Calvin Holmes.

Brett Wallerstedt
Arizona State

Place-kicker Cole Ford had an above-average rookie year (7 of 12 field goals, 21 of 21 on PATs), but three-year starting punter Ron Dale and his 40.3-yard career average are gone. Prep All-America John Stonehouse and walk-on Martin Boskovich will compete for the job.

Smith predicts, "We'll come back this year, but we've got to take it one step at a time. Our main objectives are to produce a high-scoring offense and a big-play defense. We need to increase our scoring by a least a touchdown a game and reduce our points allowed by at least a TD a game."

Standing in the way of Troy's 100th team is another brutal schedule that includes every Pac-10 team but Oregon State, plus Oklahoma on the road and Notre Dame. That can't help a team that's still as young as this one.

ARIZONA STATE

Bruce Snyder was something of a miracle worker at California, infusing life into a program that had been moribund for years. The Sun Devils are hoping he didn't leave his magic in Berkeley. Snyder replaces Larry Marmie, whose tenure in Tempe was marked by mediocrity. His final team was typical: a 6-5 overall record, 4-4 and in the middle of the pack in the Pac-10. Snyder should do better, but maybe not right away. He does have some experience, though: 14 of the 22 top players on offense; six starters from a defense that was No. 2 in the conference behind Washington.

Bret Powers, a 6-5 junior quarterback, threw for 1,500 yards in eight games (he missed three because of a shoulder injury). Also back are the two leading rushers, George Montgomery (475 yards) and Mario Bates (473), and reserve running back Jerone Davison. But the key "skill" player is senior wide receiver Eric Guliford, who is just 5-foot-8 and 160 pounds but will rate All-America consideration after catching 55 passes for 801 yards. Kevin Snyder may work opposite Guliford, with Bob Brashear (22 receptions for 282 yards) likely at tight end.

The offensive line, which lost three starters, will need a little work, but center Toby Mills, an up-and-comer, and tackle Craig Ritter return. Redshirts Jeff Kysar and DeMario Vaughn are the other tackle candidates; in the hunt at guard are transfer Chuck Underwood, Travis Guiney, and Ian Long, and maybe converted defensive lineman Brad McAllister.

The Sun Devils gave up just 308 yards per game last season, and two 1990 starters will join the half dozen '91 starters who are back. The major strength is at inside linebacker, where Brett Wallerstedt (team-high 122 tackles) and Justin Dragoo were among the best in the Pac-10. Wallerstedt needs just 66 tackles to surpass Nathan LaDuke's school record. Then there is outside linebacker Shante Carver, who led the Pac-10 with 11 sacks.

But Snyder has major concerns in the defensive line, where first-team all-Pac-10 Shane Collins, Arthur Paul, and David Dixon are gone. The only returnee with extensive playing time is Bryan Hooks. Backups Ivory Irvin and Greg Kordas will help, but Snyder may look to youngsters Jeff Maier and Jim Freeland for an immediate contribution.

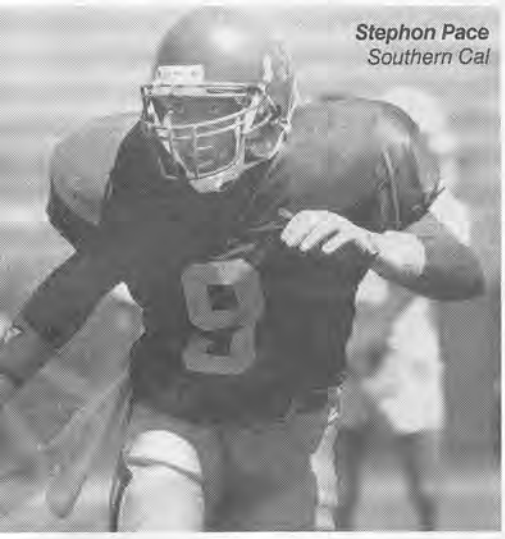
The Sun Devils have a long history of producing marquee players in the secondary, and this year should be no exception. Kevin Miniefield, a two-year starter at right corner, heads the group, and free safety Adam Brass is a potential honors candidate, too. They should open with sophomore cornerback Demond Sampson and strong safety Jean Boyd in place of the departed Michael Williams.

Returning place-kicker Mike Richey was one of the best in the Pac-10 and punter Steve Rausch, who doubles as the team's long-distance place-kicker, is also back.

The schedule won't help Snyder's hopes for a quick start. The Sun Devils not only have to open with national co-champion Washington, they later face Nebraska on the road.

WASHINGTON STATE

The Cougars have one of the best young quarterbacks in the country in 6-foot-6 junior Drew Bledsoe and the offensive potential to approach the 1988 team that produced a



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school-record 5,899 yards. But Bledsoe and his backup were sacked 56 times last season as WSU struggled to a 4-7 overall record (3-5 and a sixth-place tie in the Pac-10). Bledsoe, who threw for 2,741 yards, needs to develop a quicker release, and his linemen need to solve a breakdown in protection.

Both should improve, and the Cougars' schedule is very favorable for the first half of the season, so the overall record, at least, should be better. All the offensive starters return. Senior Shaumbe Wright-Fair (843 yards rushing) will be the running back, with Phillip Bobo (54 catches for 759 yards), C.J. Davis, and Deron Pointer at wide receiver and all-

Drew Bledsoe
Washington State

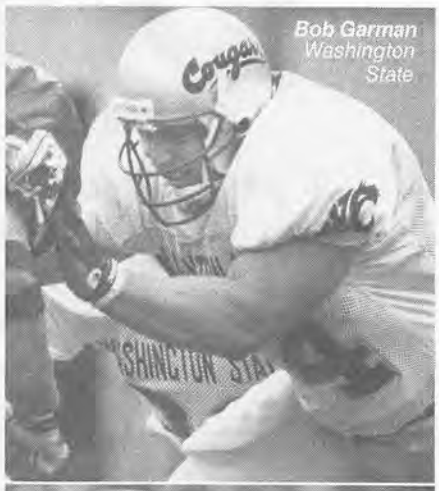
Richard Griffith
Arizona

Pac-10 Clarence Williams at tight end. Big Bob Garman, granted an extra year of eligibility, will shift from tackle to guard to accommodate Mike Bailey, a 1990 starter who didn't play last season. Garman will work opposite Josh Dunning, with Jim Eucker at the other tackle and Steve Wolfe at center. Also returning is another 1991 starter, Konrad Pimiskern.

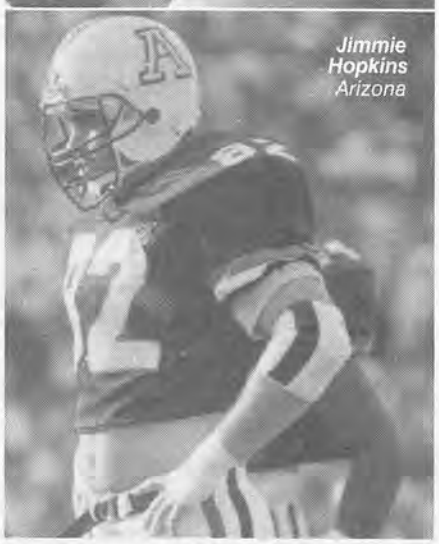
The major offensive loss is star place-kicker Jason Hanson, who was one of the major weapons in the Pac-10 for four seasons. It's likely that junior Aaron Price, son of coach Mike Price, will take over the place-kicking duties, but no one has stepped forward to fill Hanson's punting shoes yet. The most likely candidate is transfer Steve Johnston.

The key to the Cougar defense is what happens up front. The team was lacking in a pass rush last season, so Price has made some changes in his four-man line. Lewis Bush has been moved to end, wth six-game starter Ray Hall shifting to tackle. They'll likely open with DeWayne Patterson and Todd Shaw, but there could well be some early shifting as JC transfer Sedric Shorter, Tino Romero, who played a lot in 1990 before encountering academic difficulties, and Chad Eaton (6-4, 283) are added to the mix. Eaton, coming off a Prop 48 year, has the potential to be a dominant player, in the mold of Washington's Steve Emtman.

Two starting linebackers, Anthony McClanahan and Kurt Loertscher, return, with Ronnie Childs likely to replace Bush, although transfer Mark Fields could win a spot. The secondary will be very young but likely contains the best talent since a Cougar unit that turned out several pros in the mid-1970s. Back are sophomores John Rushing and Torey Hunter, who got their baptism in 1991 as starters when they were redshirt freshmen. Hunter should



Bob Garman
Washington State



Jimmie Hopkins
Arizona

be joined at a corner by soph Greg Burns, stepping in for the departed Michael Wright, with soph Singor Mobley taking over for Anthony Prior at strong safety.

Price's team was socked for a league-high 984 yards in penalties last season. Combined with the fact that Cougar players were dropped 83 times for more than 400 yards in losses, it's easy to see why the record wasn't very encouraging.

ARIZONA

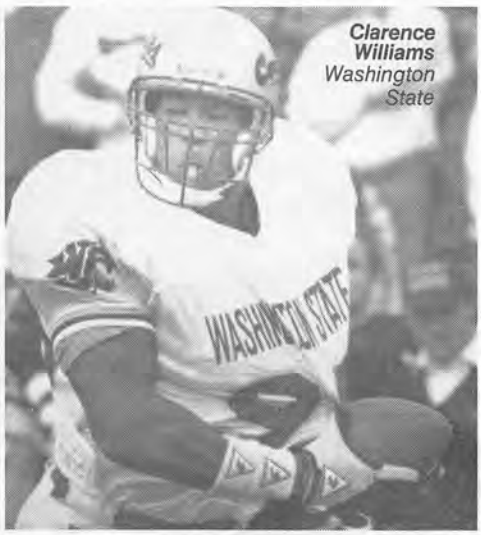
The Wildcats (4-7 overall, 3-5 and tied for sixth in the conference) had the most disappointing season in the Pac-10, along with Southern Cal and Oregon, and the irritated feeling hasn't gone away. "I don't think it will until we have a winning season," coach Dick Tomey said. "But we'll use the fact that 1991 was not a pleasant experience for any of us. Our impetus is to bounce back, and I think we will."

Maybe. But they'll have to become more physical—and surmount the loss of 13 players, including offensive linemen John Fina, Nick Fineanganofo, and Paul Tofflemire and defensive backs Richard Holt and Bobby Roland.

The Wildcats' offense will be led by either senior quarterback George Malauulu or sophomore Chuck Levy, a first-team all-league pick as an all-purpose runner. Neither man had impressive numbers at quarterback, but Malauulu was hampered after a midseason shoulder injury. They'll be throwing to veteran receivers Terry Vaughn and Lamar Lovett and working with tailback Ontiwaun Carter (606 yards rushing, 5.4 per carry) and fullback Billy Johnson, who is recovering from an Achilles tendon injury. Tight end Richard Griffin is back after October knee surgery.

Four freshmen started at times in the offensive line, and that unit is still young, with sophomores Mu Tagaoi, Paul Stamer, Mani Ott, Peter Becker, Warner Smith, and Mike Ciasca joining junior Pulu Poumele and JC All-America Eric Johnson.

The defense will be beefed up by JC tackles Tamai Amituanai, a quick and agile 300-pounder, and Brian Proby and freshman Chuck Osborne, who will join a group that already includes three starters: tackles Ty Parten and Rob Waldrop and end Jimmie Hopkins. The outside linebackers should be Richard Maddox, the best pass rusher in 1990 but sidelined by a foot injury in '91, and Jamal Lee, with touted soph Sean Harris, and either Charlie Camp or Chris Lopez inside. The expected improvement up front should help the secondary of cornerbacks Darryl Morrison



Clarence Williams
Washington State

and Keshon Johnson and safeties Mike Scurlock and Tony Bouie. Scurlock moves over from middle linebacker.

The Wildcats' kicking game is intact, with place-kicker Steve McLaughlin and punters Adam Grand and Josh Miller, who sat out the

'91 season with an injury. The return game should be good, too. Levy led the league and was 11th in the country in kickoff returns, while Vaughn finished second in the Pac-10 and 20th nationally in punt returns. Wildcat special teams also have blocked 10 punts in the last two seasons, led by senior Heath Bray.

Tomey will have numbers on his side this season—20 more players than in 1991—and he's hoping that that will remove the sting of the Wildcats' first losing season since 1980, and only his second in the last 14 years. But the schedule again includes Miami, on the road, and all the Pac-10 heavyweights.

OREGON

The most telling statistic of the Ducks' lost 1991 season was this: Five different quarterbacks took the opening snap in consecutive games. "The last two-thirds of the season," coach Rich Brooks said, "we didn't have an offense that was capable of winning in this league." Oregon wound up 3-8 overall, 1-7 and tied for last with Oregon State, a real drop-off after back-to-back bowl appearances.

It's probably too much to expect a complete rebound this fall, although it's doubtful the wave of injuries will be as pronounced. Even with good health, the Ducks may have too far to come back, especially on offense. Danny O'Neil, who quarterbacked the three victories, was knocked out by surgery on a dislocated thumb. Either he or Doug Musgrave likely will

Mark Olford Oregon State

get first call to run the team with tailback Sean Burwell and fullback Juan Shedrick behind them. Burwell was bothered all season by an ankle injury, and his rushing production fell from 959 yards as a freshman to just 510, in seven games. Brooks is hoping for more out of receivers Anthony Jones and Ronnie Harris, who combined for eight TD receptions. Jeff Thomason, an honorable-mention All-America, may be tough to replace at tight end.

Depth could be a problem in the offensive line, too, where Todd Gydesen, Greg Phillips, and Bud Bowie all depart. The veterans are 11-game starter Jon Tattersall at guard and David Collinsworth, who missed half the season with an injury, at tackle. Matt Martin may be at the other tackle, with soph Heath Howington at guard, and the inexperienced Tom Curran or redshirt Eric Reid at center.

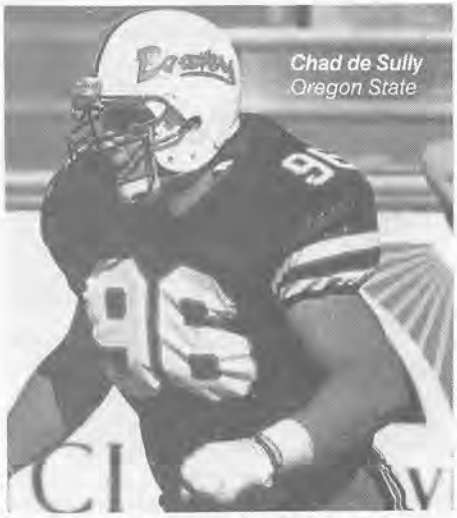
The Duck defense, always good, will have back six players with at least five games of starting experience, led by safety Eric Castle, an All-America candidate, ends Jeff Cummins and Romeo Bandisón, and linebacker Joe Farwell. Silila Malepeai should play between Cummins, who has NFL size and quickness, and Bandison, at nose tackle. Graduation removed 11-game starters James Bautista and Andy Conner at outside linebacker. Ernest Jones, Terrell Edwards, and John Taumoepeau may work with Farwell, who played better on one leg in '91 (he had a nagging ankle injury) than many of the Ducks did on two. The Ducks lost starting cornerbacks Daryle Smith and Muhammad Oliver, but sophomore Herman O'Berry played a lot, and Devon Hosey, held out last season, has promise. And hard-hitting soph Chad Cota has the potential to join Castle in one of the Pac-10's best units at safety. Paul Rodriguez is a good backup.

Tommy Thompson may become the first man in modern school history to handle both place-kicking and punting duties. Thompson averaged 37.9 yards a game as a punter last season, and is expected to replace the departed place-kicker Gregg McCallum. Brooks will be looking for improvement in his kicking game—as he will everywhere else. "Our players, coaches, and obviously our fans aren't happy with 3-8," he said. "We want to be in the hunt for the championship."

OREGON STATE

Jerry Pettibone became the latest coach to fall into a black hole with the orange and black, posting only a 1-10 record in his initial season in Corvallis in 1991, 1-7 and tied for last in the Pac-10. The conference record was no surprise, considering that the Beavers were outscored, 296-86, in league play. Pettibone thinks his team will be better because of more experience, but Beaver coaches have been saying that for years with very little to show for it.

In the spring, there was uncertainty over which one of a group of quarterbacks would



Chad de Sully Oregon State

be running the team this fall. The leading candidates were Mark Olford, Sedrick Thomas, and Ian Shields, none of whom has much starting experience. If one of them clicks, Pettibone's spread-option offense could be quite a bit better, because veteran running backs Chad Paulson (421 yards), J.J. Young, and Chris Morton return, as does leading receiver Maurice Wilson at split end.

The offensive line should be improved, too, with Jason Downs and John Garrett returning at tackle, honors candidate Fletcher Keister and Adam Albaugh at guard, and converted guard Christian Miller at center. Tight end Jason Blum is gone, but Pettibone is looking for quick improvement from Phil Hammitt, Jason Gillam, and transfer Ray Penniman.

Pettibone will go with the same 4-3 defensive front he used in '91. Six starters are back, led by honorable-mention all-Pac-10 tackle Sailusi Poulivaati and ends Chad de Sully and Rickey Fizer, who probably will work with tackle Tom Holmes, who played quite a bit as a freshman behind the departed Corey Brannon. Cory Huot and Tony O'Billovich take over for Todd Sahlfeld and Mark Price at two of the linebacking spots, with sophomore Rico Petrini returning at the other.

The secondary was a bit of a puzzle in the spring, since Zechariah Davis, a two-year starter at corner, was slowed by the effects of knee surgery, corner William Ephraim was scholastically ineligible, and two-year safety starter Dennis Edwards was out after shoulder surgery. That meant Michael Hale, who is shifting from free to strong safety, and transfer John Weisner got plenty of work.

Jamie Burke, who doubles as a third baseman on the Beaver baseball team, had a good rookie season as the place-kicker, and punter Tim Kollas (38.1-yard average) also is back. The Beavers had to beat Oregon in the season's final game to avoid a winless year in '91. Things might be a little less bleak this season, but Pettibone still seems a distance away from developing the quality and depth he needs to compete in a conference as tough as the Pac-10. The schedule will be no help, either. There's just one change from last year: Kansas replaces Nevada-Las Vegas.

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The Big West is a conference in flux, and not just because of its coaching changes. Perennial power Fresno State has shifted to the Western Athletic Conference, being replaced by Division I-AA Nevada, not to be confused with Nevada-Las Vegas, which was already in the Big West. The league also loses Long Beach State, which dropped football, so now has just seven members, only a couple of which don't have both financial and athletic questions. Look for San Jose State to dominate, unless Nevada is ready to flex its muscles right away at a new level of competition.

SAN JOSE STATE

New coach Ron Turner spent the spring trying to get acquainted with his team, which may be the best in the Big West almost by default since Fresno State is no longer around to offer the usual challenge. The Spartans, 6-4-1 overall in 1991, tied with Fresno State for the conference championship with a 6-1 record. There's no reason to think they won't do just as well now that the Bulldogs are off to the Western Athletic Conference.

The offensive-minded Turner will build around junior quarterback Jeff Garcia, who was third in the nation in passing efficiency while sharing time with the departed Matt

Veatch. Garcia completed 61.9 percent of his passes for 1,519 yards. Turner is hoping senior running back Shon Ellerbe, out with an illness in the spring, will be healthy this fall to team with Donald Lindsey, Nathan Dupree, Charlie Wu, and fullback John Thompson. The returning receivers accounted for just 13 of 211 pass receptions in '91. Rich Sarlatte and Tom Petithomme should see service at tight end, with transfers Ricky Jordan, Jason Lucky, Scott Reese, and reserve Jerry Reese among the contenders at wideout.

The Spartans should be very solid in the interior line, with guards Alten Faletoi, Mike Fortino, and Travis Peterson and second team, all-Big West center Nick Trammer, but tackles Peni Iosefa and Robbie Miller are gone. JC transfer Reuben Johnson and veteran Dave Zeising are the front-runners at one spot; senior Todd Ranney may win the other from Marquis Greer.

Starters Marty Lyon and Kevin O'Connell and key backups Phil Lobsinger and Chad Carpenter lead a veteran defensive line that adds JC transfer Jason Rose. The outside linebacking looks first-rate with all-Big West first-teamer Raymond Bowles (9½ quarterback sacks and 19½ tackles behind the line of scrimmage for losses totaling 117 yards) and Jimmy Davis; JC transfers Jimmy Singleton and Woon Park will be counted on to move in at inside linebacker, joining returnees Grant Steunenberg and Kelly Liebengood.

Third-team All-America Heshimu Colar is missing from the secondary but returning are cornerbacks Dee Grayer and Elliott Franklin and safety Anthony Washington, a second-team all-Big West selection who has 13 career sacks. Troy Jensen, Colar's backup, should move in as the other safety.

Sophomore Joe Nedney, who had a good rookie season, returns as the place-kicker. He hit 11 of 19 field-goal attempts and was 35 of 42 on PATs. Redshirt Lee Myhre and freshman Adrian Phillips will compete for the punting job vacated by Todd Whitehurst.

NEVADA

Even coach Chris Ault isn't sure how his team's great leap forward from the Big Sky Conference and Division I-AA football to the Big West and Division I-A will go. "Really, we were a few years away from being a true Division I team," said Ault, who has led the Reno-based Wolf Pack to a 138-53-1 record in 16 seasons. "But we had to seize the opportunity when it came along."

Chris Vargas
Nevada

The Wolf Pack may well come along better than Ault expects in the Big West. It hammered Nevada-Las Vegas, 50-8, in 1991, en route to an 11-0 regular season and a 12-1 overall finish, counting NCAA playoffs. "We always felt we could compete with Division I teams in any given week," Ault said. "The question now is, can we compete against Division I each week?"

Ault will have plenty of offensive skill-position players returning from a squad that led the nation in scoring, with 45.1 points a game. The leaders are quarterbacks Fred Gatlin and Chris Vargas, who combined for 3,578 yards and 27 touchdowns passing; wide receivers Bryan Reeves (62 catches for 932 yards) and Chris Singleton (43 for 893); and the top three rushers, Dedric Holmes (773 yards), Zeke Moore (558), and Gatlin (278). Things are less sure in the offensive line, where All-America tackle Shahriar Pourdanesh is the only returning starter. Transfers Kevin Davis, J.R. Fagerberg, Jay Grey, and Anthony Valentin may have to fit in quickly there.

The defensive front will need rebuilding, too, but there's a bundle of experience in the secondary, where cornerbacks Brock Marion and William "Forey" Duckett and safety Xavier Kairy return, along with William Lackey, who played in the Pack's nickel defenses last season. The only line starter back is tackle Joe

Fred Gatlin
Nevada

Caspers, while outside linebacker Andre Howard is the lone veteran in that unit. Dual-purpose kicker Rick Schwendinger has departed, too. Steve Lester will get first look as the new place-kicker.

PACIFIC

In 1991, the Tigers were the first Division I-A team ever to have a 3,500-yard passer, a 1,500-yard rusher, and a 1,500-yard receiver in the same season. And all that got them was a 5-7 overall record and 4-3 and fourth place in the Big West.

The three headliners—quarterback Troy Kopp, running back Ryan Benjamin, and wide receiver Aaron Turner—all return for their senior seasons, but coach Walt Harris has moved on, to become quarterback coach of the New York Jets. And Chuck Shelton, who has moved in from Utah State to take over the Tigers, still has the perplexing problem of what to do about a defense that gave up 481 points in 1991, the most of any of the nation's 106 Division I-A teams.

Shelton will switch from a four-man front to a three with two outside linebackers. The start-

Anthony Washington
San Jose State

ers may be veterans Shawn Price, David Karthauser, Eric Bengston, Grant Carter, and Jason Vasconez, with Jami Anderson and Daryl Rogers at the other linebacking spots. The secondary has all four starters returning: sophs Darius Cunningham, Duane Thomas, and Jeff Russell and junior Dimitri Gazelas. Returning, too, are kicker Eddie Ausherman and punter Jason Schouten (38.4).

Shelton will aim for a more aggressive defense, but it seems apparent that if he's going to win more than in 1991, he'll have to do it

Jeff Garcia
San Jose State

with offense. The Tigers' run-and-shoot, which produced 511.3 yards per game—second-best in the nation—may be tempered a little by Shelton. He wants to get the ball more to All-America Benjamin, who rushed for 1,581 yards and led the nation in total offense, with 2,996 yards. Kopp and Turner topped the country with 37 TD passes and 145.8 yards receiving per game, respectively. Other starters back are receiver Kale Wedemeyer, center Randy Pauletto, guard David Parris, and tackle Greg Bishop (6-6, 290), who may turn out to be the team's top draft pick.

UTAH STATE

Charlie Weatherbie knows offense. He was the offensive coordinator at Arkansas before replacing Chuck Shelton as head coach of the Aggies. But Weatherbie also knows he has to come up with a whole bunch of new skill-position players to succeed in his first season as a head man. None of his quarterbacks has ever thrown a pass in a collegiate game; his running backs have only a shade more experience and just two of his wide receivers have caught a pass in competition.

Gone from a team that was 5-6 overall but 5-2 and in third place in the Big West are quarterback Ron Lopez, running backs Roger Grant (2,389 yards in two seasons), Floyd Foreman, and Sean Hampton, and receivers Rod Moore and Tracey Jenkins, No. 2 and No. 7 in Aggie career receiving.

Redshirt Greg Angelovic, transfer Dean Grosfeld, and Todd Wilson will battle at quarterback, with transfers Kelvin Poindexter and Robbie Clemons, redshirt Abu Wilson, and returnees Chad Tigert and Rick Woodford in the hunt at running back. Backup Greg Watts is the only veteran wide receiver. The offensive line, led by first-team all-conference center Warren Bowers, is more stable. Also returning are tackle Jaceson Maughan, Brian Funk, Greg O'Banion, and Joe Moore.

The major defensive loss is inside linebacker Del Lyles, who shared the Big West's Defensive Player of the Year award. But 10 of the top 22 defenders are back, including starting tackles Joe Jacobs and Steve Neeleman, outside linebacker Stephen Robinson (who'll be moved to end in the Aggies' new 4-3 alignment), and backs Damon Smith and Israel Byrd. Other experienced candidates include linemen Brook Phillips, Jed DeVries, and Mark Johnson; linebackers Jason Burge, Jermaine Younger, and Willie Jackson; and backs Donald Toomer, Gary Brown, Travis Schow, and Paul Gustafson.

Place-kicker Doug Beach, third in the Big West in field goals, returns, but top punter Rusty Carlsen is gone.

NEVADA–LAS VEGAS

The Rebels may live or die through the air this fall, and the early prospects don't look too encouraging for a team that was just 4-7 overall and 2-5 and tied for fifth in the conference. Coach Jim Strong's inexperienced and injury-depleted secondary gave up more than 2,900 yards and 27 touchdowns in 1991. And offensively, UNLV loses veteran quarterback Derek Stott and his backup, "Hunkie" Cooper.

The quarterback situation was unsettled in the spring, since third-string signal caller John Ma'ae also is the team's second-leading wide receiver. The job may fall to transfer Bob Stockman, who threw for more than 5,500 yards and 54 TDs in two seasons at Santa Rosa (CA) Junior College. Top rusher Derek Black (588 yards) is gone, too, and there's a question whether Henry Bailey will play at running back or wide receiver. He caught a team-high 37 passes for 595 yards. Sophomores Shannon McLean and Matt Wills may well get a chance at running backs.

The offensive line is no guessing game. It's back intact, with Jerry Reynolds and John Hurley at tackle, Doug Roper and Lonnie Palelei at guard, and Howard McGowan at center. The Rebels also return both kicking specialists, junior All-America candidate Brian Parvin, who averaged 41.9 yards per punt, and sophomore place-kicker Nick Garritano.

The secondary has more experience than in '91, with starters Clarence Mack and Reeves Stellino and part-time starter Tyrone Scott back, as well as sophomore safety Rodney Mazion, who was a regular until he broke his jaw, and backup Auntwan Armstrong. Replacements need to be found in the line for tackles Chuck Reed and Elgin Lofton, but end Keith Washington returns. Mansfield Dinkins, Shannon Simpson, and transfer Stephen Anderson are the top tackle candidates. The linebacking corps looks solid, with returning starters Mike Smalls, Rumone Hilton, and Andy Marrone.

NEW MEXICO STATE

The Aggies were only 2-9 in Jim Hess's second season, but their 2-5 mark in the Big West was good for a fifth-place tie and their best

Fred Montgomery
New Mexico State

league finish ever. "We went from hopeless and helpless to being competitive and respectable," Hess said. With nine offensive starters and star kick returners Fred Montgomery and Ray Washington back, the respectability may continue.

Senior Charles Puleri or sophomore Cody Ledbetter will direct an offense that will include wide receivers Ezell Brown, Atlas Reagor, and Montgomery and tight end Todd Cutler, who caught a combined 180 passes for 2,099 yards, and running backs Steve Miller, Long Beach State transfer Charles Varrie, and JC transfer Larry Truehill. Back, too, are four linemen: Shawn Bowman, Eric Friberg, Troy Sienkiewicz, and Eric Schmierer.

The defense is less sure, mainly because all-league linebacker Steve Campbell, the team's top tackler for two seasons, is gone and depth could be a problem. Tackle Sam Austrino, second to Campbell with 98 tackles, does return, though, as do 1991 sack leader George Tuioti and part-time starter Norman Steele at end. Dan Goodwin may get the other tackle spot. Transfers Bryan Duplessis and Mike Wall and backup Tim Mauck are the top candidates to start at linebacker, with David Barela and newcomer Montee Boulware likely at cornerback and hard-hitting Quinton Tezeno and three-year starter Donald Stowers at the safeties. Jack-of-all-trades Marc Shaw could move in somewhere in the secondary.

The team's major loss besides Campbell is all-conference punter Garret Henson, who was eighth in the nation with a 43.1-yard average in '91. Willie McKinsey may step in for him, but improvement is needed from returning place-kickers Jose Ortiz and Dan Amos. The Aggies converted just three of 11 field-goal attempts last season.

CAL STATE FULLERTON

Gene Murphy is a survivor and so—barely—is his team. Murphy, who is leading the Titans for the 13th season, is now the dean of Big West coaches. His team, which almost was scuttled last year by a lack of financial support, got a reprieve and staggered to a 2-9 finish overall, 1-6 and last in the conference.

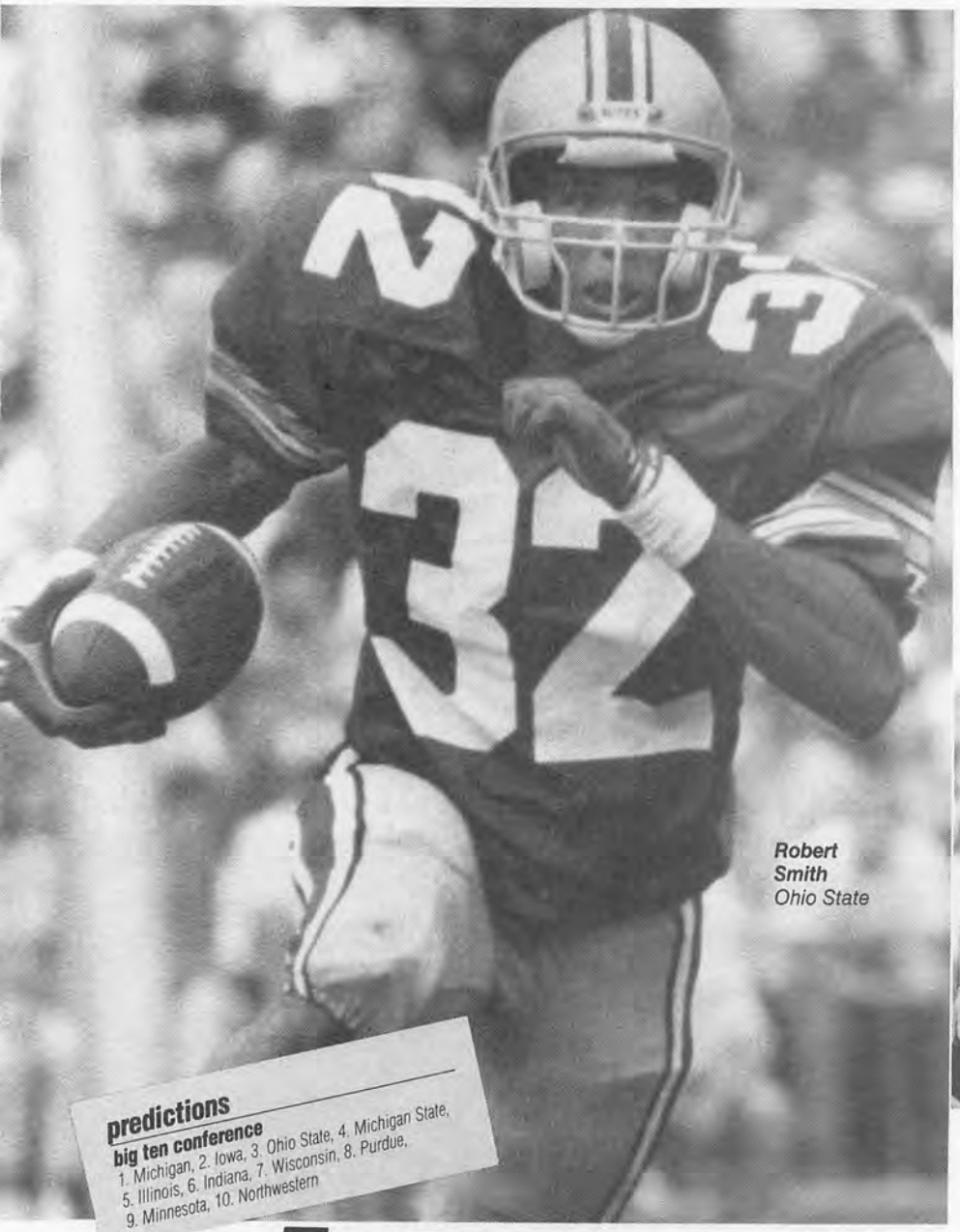
The Titans have a new, on-campus stadium now and the largest group of spring-semester JC transfers in Murphy's tenure. 'We're going to have some fun in 1992, no matter what happens," he said.

How much better the team will be remains to be seen, but Murphy will scrap his single-back, spread-formation offense and go with an option attack, led by a quarterback to be determined. Murphy has six candidates, none of whom has ever taken a snap in Division I-A

Arthur Davis
Cal State Fullerton

football. The Titans do have two talented runners in Arthur Davis (683 yards) and Danny Pasquil, and JC speedster Mike Peters joins them. The receivers will get less work in the new offense, but Frank Davis and Pat Lynch have experience. There's a solid nucleus in the line with honorable mention all-conference tackle John Cotti and returning starters Wally Bonnett, Terrance LaCount, and David Porter. Transfer Dan Erickson may join them.

Defensively, the Titans are minus their top three tacklers: inside linebackers Chad Lindsay and Teddy McMillan and rover Michael Jones. But there are two 1990 starters back from redshirt seasons: inside backer Lorenzo Hailey and safety Dan Seymour. Hailey led the '90 team with 99 tackles. The defensive core should be cornerback Darrius Watson, second in the Big West with six interceptions; linemen Bill Jones, Jason Wells, and Mike Allen; linebackers Keary Johns, Mike Simmons, and Howard McCrary; cornerback B.B. Hudson, and safety Michael McGuire. Kicker/punter Phil Nevin has left the football team to concentrate on a baseball career. □



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MICHIGAN

(10-2, 8-0) Michigan solved one jinx last year, finally beating Notre Dame after four straight losses. However, the Wolverines squandered a chance to win their first national title by losing at home to Florida State and then they were pummeled by Washington in the Rose Bowl. Another year of waiting in Ann Arbor.

The Wolverines will try again in 1992 and should be well-armed despite the loss of Desmond Howard. The 1991 Heisman Trophy winner opted for an early entry into the NFL, leaving Michigan with a huge void. Still, don't shed any tears for coach Gary Moeller. Starting quarterback Elvis Grbac is back for his senior season, and he already ranks as one of Michigan's best ever. He's the school leader with 54 touchdown passes and 393 career completions. Most importantly, the Wolverines are 23-5 in games he's started. The line lost All-America tackle Greg Skrepenak, but it still has a solid foundation. Center Steve Everitt is being tabbed for All-America consideration, and guards Joe Cocozzo and Doug Skene and tackle Rob Doherty are experienced.

While Howard is gone, Grbac still has many offensive weapons. Few teams in the country will match Michigan's backfield. The bulk of the work will be handled by tailback Ricky Powers (1,197 yards rushing in 1991). The Wolverines, though, can also rely on sophomores Jesse Johnson, who bruised Iowa for 168 yards, and Tyrone Wheatley, who scored nine touchdowns last year. In the air, Grbac will look to junior Derrick Alexander, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in the 1991 opener against Boston College. In 1990, he caught 31 passes. The Wolverines are high on sophomore Felman Malveaux as a possible replacement for Howard. Walter Smith also will see considerable action.

Defensively, the Wolverines will miss Butkus Award winner Erick Anderson, but experience still abounds with eight returning starters. Michigan is looking for big years from tackles Chris Hutchinson and Buster Stanley. The linebackers are led by Steve Morrison and Marcus Walker and the secondary will be manned by cornerback Dwayne Ware and safety Corwin Brown.

The Wolverines open at Notre Dame, and if they can get by that game, there's a possibility they could go into the season finale at Ohio State undefeated. Michigan has Iowa and Michigan State at home.

Mike Devlin
Iowa

IOWA

(10-1-1, 7-1) Coach Hayden Fry's Hawkeyes had another stellar season, compiling 10 victories for the second straight season. Only a loss to Michigan cost Iowa a second straight trip to the Rose Bowl. Instead, the Hawkeyes had to settle for a 13-13 tie against Brigham Young in the Holiday Bowl.

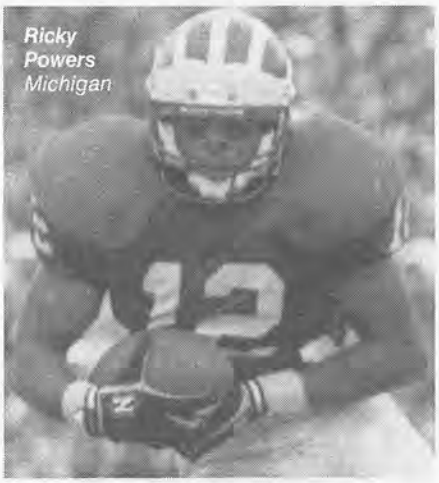
Iowa, though, will be hard pressed to meet last year's achievements, thanks in part to an uncharacteristically tough nonconference schedule. Last year, it beat up on Hawaii, Iowa State, and Northern Illinois. This year, the road is much tougher and probably ranks among the most difficult in the country. Iowa opens the season against North Carolina State in the Kickoff Classic in Giants Stadium. The following week, it hosts defending national champ Miami. On September 26, the Hawkeyes travel to Colorado. Then, to make things complete, Iowa opens the Big Ten season at Michigan. If Iowa gets by that schedule unscathed, it should be atop the polls.

The Hawkeyes have 13 returning starters. Unfortunately quarterback Matt Rodgers, who threw for more than 2,000 yards for three straight seasons, isn't among them. Finding a capable replacement will be Fry's biggest challenge. The coach apparently will open

with Jim Hartlieb, the brother of former Hawkeye quarterback Chuck. The younger Hartlieb filled in capably last year, leading Iowa to victories over Indiana and Northwestern when Rodgers was injured. The Hawkeyes also are high on Matt Eyde, a transfer from Michigan State with a strong arm and a quick release.

Hartlieb likes to run, and he will be complemented in that department by fullbacks Lew Montgomery and Paul Kujawa. At tailback, Fry will look to Marvin Lampkin to replace Mike Saunders, who gained more than 1,000 yards last year. Danan Hughes posted all-Big Ten numbers at receiver in 1991 with 43 catches for 757 yards and eight touchdowns. He passed up spring drills to play center field for the baseball team. Tight end also is strong with Alan Cross, who caught 33 passes for 515 yards and three touchdowns. The offensive line should be a force with four returning starters. All-Big Ten center Mike Devlin anchors the unit, with tackle Scott Davis and guards Ted Velicer and Mike Ferroni.

Defensively, replacing All-America end Leroy Smith will be difficult. Sophomore John Hartlieb, Jim's brother, is expected to get the call. Tackle Mike Wells came on strong last year. At linebacker, the Hawkeyes lost John Derby, who led the team in tackles. Teddy Jo Faley will be counted on to fill some of the void. There also are holes in the secondary, which lost three starters. The top returnees are cornerbacks Scott Plate and Carlos James and strong safety Jason Olejniczak.


Ricky Powers
Michigan

The Hawkeyes have been plagued by poor punting. Jim Hujsak returns, but his 32.6-yard average ranked last in the conference. Todd Romano, a redshirt freshman, will get a long look as punter and place-kicker.

OHIO STATE

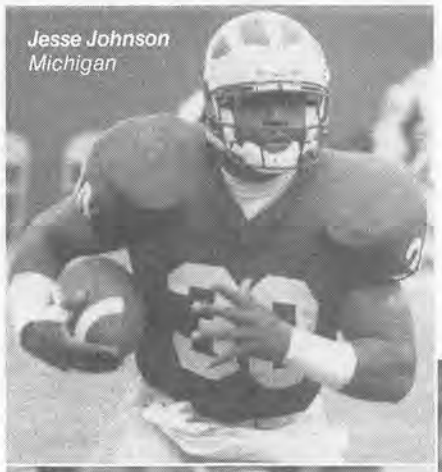
(8-4, 5-3) The Buckeyes are hoping for a calmer season in 1992. Last year started with star running back Robert Smith quitting the team in a dispute with the coaches. It ended with speculation that head coach John Cooper might be fired. In between, Ohio State lost to Illinois and Michigan, two teams Cooper has yet to beat, and fell to Syracuse in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Ohio State, though, has reason to believe this season will be quieter. Cooper's future is secure after he received a contract extention through 1995. And Smith has returned to the team. That's no small addition considering he set a Buckeye freshman rushing record with 1,126 yards. He will be joined at tailback by Butler By'not'e, who rushed for 648 yards and five touchdowns in 1991. At fullback the Buckeyes have Raymont Harris and Jeff Cothran, giving them a deep backfield.

Exactly who will be handing off to them remains to be seen. The Buckeyes are looking for better quarterback production than they received from the departed Kent Graham. However, senior Kirk Herbstreit didn't lock down the job in spring drills. He's being pushed by redshirt freshman Bob Hoying, who was the Ohio high school player of the year. The offensive line should be solid, with tackles Alan Kline and Jason Winrow, each of whom tips the scales at around 300 pounds. Brian Stablien, who had 26 receptions in '91, returns at split end. The Buckeyes also are high on Chris Sanders, who missed all of last season with a knee injury.

Defensively, the Buckeyes got a big lift when linebacker Steve Tovar elected to come back for his senior season instead of turning pro. He led the team last year with 97 tackles, including 61 solo. Outside linebacker Jason Simmons had 18.5 tackles for losses. Up front, Greg Smith could emerge as the top nose guard in the Big Ten. The Buckeyes, though, will be hard pressed to replace end Alonzo Spellman, who skipped his senior season for the pros. The secondary, which was a big concern last fall, should be one of the team's strengths. The Buckeyes feel they have quality players in safeties Roger Harper and Chico Nelson and cornerback Foster Paulk.

The schedule has a couple of obstacles with road games at Syracuse and Iowa. However, Michigan comes to Columbus, and an Ohio State victory could relieve some of the fan pressure on Cooper.


Jesse Johnson
Michigan

Chris Hutchinson
Michigan

MICHIGAN STATE

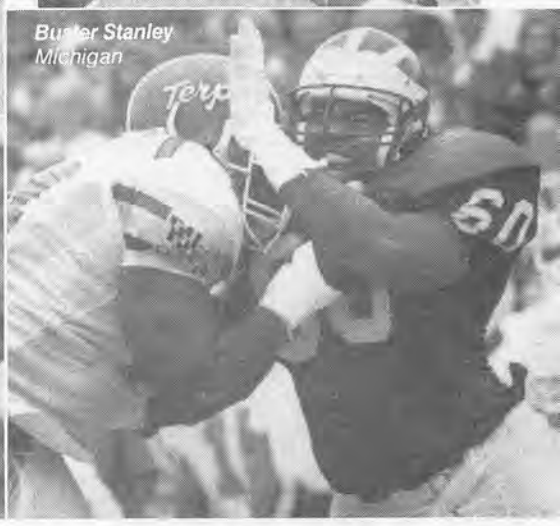
(3-8, 3-5) Like Ohio State, Michigan State is hoping for a return to normalcy in 1992. Off the field, coach George Perles remained in the center of controversy regarding his dual status as the school's athletic director. On the field, the Spartans were a disaster, losing seven of their first eight games, including a season-opening defeat to Central Michigan.

The Spartans, though, have reason to be optimistic for 1992. Where inexperience was a problem last year, it won't be this season. Michigan State returns 25 players who started at least one game. Perles hopes they carry the positives from last year's finish, in which they won three of their last five games.

Offensively, the Spartans are counting on junior quarterback Jim Miller to emerge as the leader. In eight starts, he completed 60 percent of his passes for 1,368 yards, but he also threw 11 interceptions and only six touchdowns. The receiving corps lost Courtney Hawkins, but Perles has found an interesting replacement. During the spring, he moved third-string quarterback Mill Coleman to receiver, and Coleman came away with raves. For a twist, Perles also intends to move Coleman in at quarterback at times to take advantage of his running ability.

Running back Tico Duckett needs 809 yards to become only the sixth player in Big Ten history to rush for more than 4,000 yards. Duckett, who had 272 carries last year, will get the bulk of the work. The Spartans are count-

Danan Hughes
Iowa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ing on a topflight line, with left guard Toby Heaton, tackle Shane Hannah, and tight end Mitch Lyons expected to vie for postseason honors. Perles expects the combination to improve on last year's anemic 14.7 points-per-game scoring average.

Defensively, Michigan State must replace linebacker Chuck Bullough, the team's leading tackler, and tackle Bill Johnson. Perles will direct most of his attention to the line, where he's hoping tackles Bill Reese and Aaron Jackson will step up. The Spartans are solid at linebacker with Rob Fredrickson, Matt Christensen, and Ernest Steward. The secondary also is deep, returning three starters: safety Myron Bell and cornerbacks Brian Winters and Stan Callender. A replacement is needed for four-year punter Josh Butland.

ILLINOIS

(6-6, 4-4) Illinois is making a transition to a new coach, but he won't take much getting used to. The Illini didn't even wait 24 hours to tab defensive coordinator Lou Tepper as a replacement for John Mackovic, who left for the University of Texas.

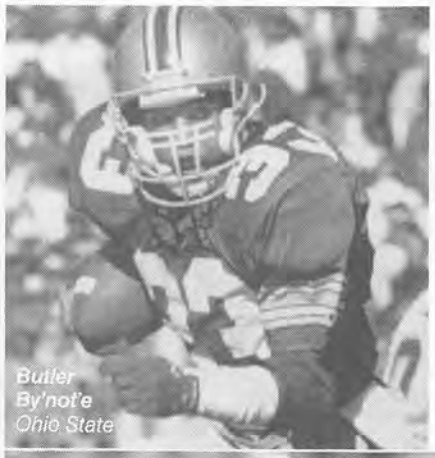
Jason Verduzco
Illinois

Steve Tovar
Ohio State

The Illini were supposed to be young and rebuilding last year, but they were respectable and went to a bowl. That bodes well for 1992 with 13 starters returning. The most important one will be Jason Verduzco, who will guide the Illini for the third straight year. The 5-foot-9 Verduzco got off to a quick start in 1991 but was inconsistent at times. Nevertheless, the Illini benefit from his fiery leadership. Verduzco will look for John Wright at flanker, where the Illini need to develop some depth. Sophomore Ken Dilger was impressive at tight end with 18 receptions.

In a departure from the Mackovic years, Tepper is putting more emphasis on the run. Kameno Bell, last year's MVP, is gone, but Tepper is high on senior Steve Feagin. The Illini also hope Wagner Lester returns to form after spending last year on the sidelines with a foot injury. Up front, the Illini will build around 291-pound tackle Brad Hopkins. Center Greg Engel and guard Jim Pesek have experience.

Under Tepper, the Illini have been traditionally strong on defense and this year should be no exception. Tepper believes Dana Howard is the best inside linebacker in the Big Ten, and he's only a sophomore. The unit, though, will be without linebacker John Holecek, who was impressive before injuring a knee midway through the season. He isn't expected to return until September or October. Illinois lost its entire line to graduation, so finding replacements will be the top priority. There is still some talent, with nose tackle Erik Foggey and redshirt freshmen Tim McCloud, John Horn,


Butler By'not'e
Ohio State

Tico Duckett
Michigan State

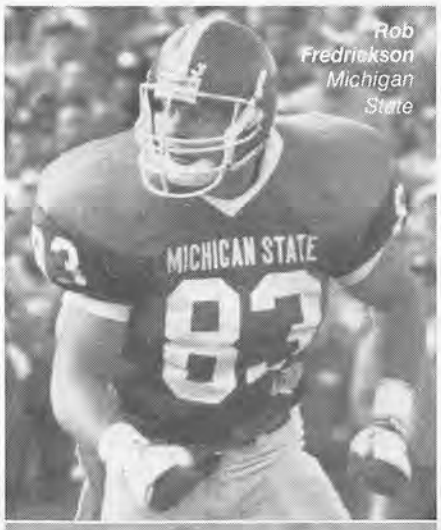
and Ken Blackman expected to battle for playing time. Even with the departure of starters Marlon Primous and Mike Hopkins, the secondary should be sound. Cornerback Filmel Johnson is a candidate for postseason honors. Sophomore cornerback Robert Crumpton is highly regarded.

The kicking game features soph Chris Richardson (13 of 18 field goals).

INDIANA

(7-4-1, 5-3) Southern Cal is known for its running backs, but don't sell the Hoosiers short in recent years. First coach Bill Mallory had the luxury of Anthony Thompson. Then, once Thompson graduated, Vaughn Dunbar came on to replace him—and then some. But Dunbar is gone, leaving Indiana with a huge void for 1992. The Hoosiers will need to find a capable replacement if they want to maintain their success, which last year included a shutout victory over Baylor in the Copper Bowl.

Mallory wants to emphasize the run again, and he'll look to sophomore Brett Law, who



Rob Fredrickson
Michigan State

Thomas Lewis
Indiana

gained only 169 yards last fall, and redshirt freshmen Emmitt Pride and Shawn Glover. Tobi Kerns is the leading candidate at fullback. The feature player, though, will be quarterback Trent Green, who threw for 2,627 yards and 12 touchdowns last year. Mallory believes if Green continues to improve, he could be one of the best in the nation. All-Big Ten tight end Rod Coleman is gone, but Green does have capable targets in Thomas Lewis

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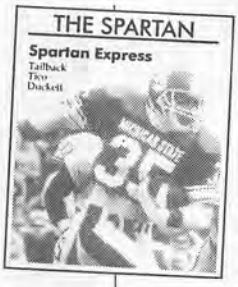

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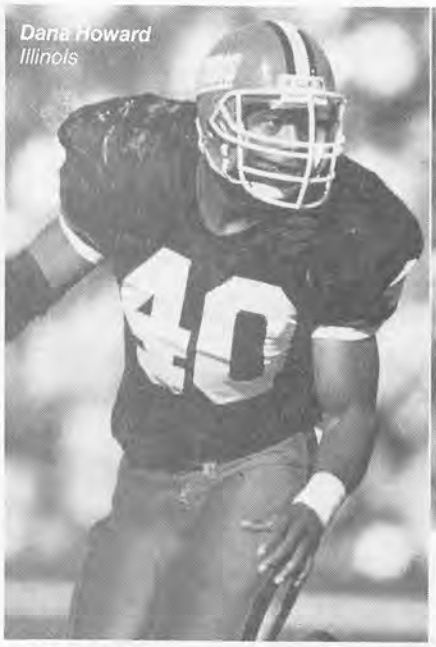
(39 catches for 581 yards), Scott McGowan, and Eddie Baety. The line returns center Jason Mack and guards Todd Smith and Jim Hannon, who started six games. The Hoosiers, though, need some experience at tackle.

Defensively, seven starters return, but a couple of crucial players are missing: linebackers Mark Hagen and Paul Williams. Nevertheless, Mallory is high on the unit that features John Smith, Al Thurman, and converted fullback Arnold Mickens. The line should be solid, led by second-team all-Big Ten end Charles Beauchamp. Tackle Hurvin McCormack could contend for honors. Three of four starters return in the secondary, which could make this unit as good as any Mallory has had at Indiana. Cornerback Mose Richardson and Mike Middleton provide the foundation and safety Damon Watts adds experience.

The kicking game will be a plus. Scott Bonnell converted 13 of 17 field goals and ranks third in Indiana history, with 200 points. Sophomore Jim DiGuilio averaged 49 yards per punt in the Copper Bowl.


Dana Howard
Illinois

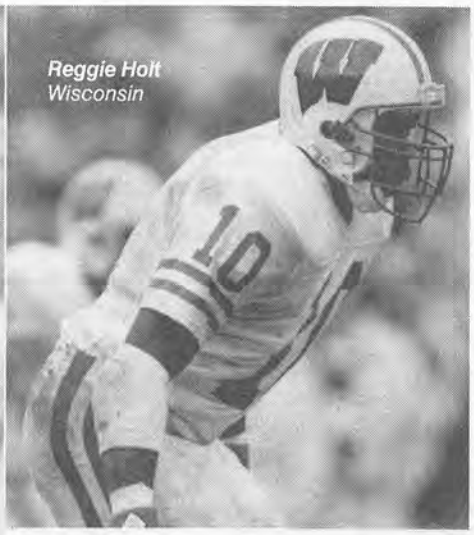
WISCONSIN

(5-6, 2-6) For years, Wisconsin's program has been labeled a sleeping giant. Well, the Badgers are showing signs of waking up. They improved from a 1-10 mark in 1990 to 5-6, their winningest season in seven years. Even better, they begin 1992 with a two-game winning streak, the first time that's happened since 1983. Things definitely are looking up for third-year coach Barry Alvarez. For the first time during his tenure, the Badgers come into the season with a complete two-deep lineup. Alvarez also will start mining a recruiting class that most experts ranked behind only Michigan and Ohio State in the Big Ten.

The offense returns 10 starters, but it still has some key question marks, namely at quarterback. The Badgers will need either Jay Macias or Darrell Bevell to step up if the team is going to make significant strides this year. Macias passed for 585 yards last fall as a freshman in spot duty. Bevell is a freshman, but not the typical variety. He begins college after taking a two-year Mormon mission out of high school.

This could be the year the Badgers establish the running game. They have a young and talented backfield. Terrell Fletcher led the team in rushing with 446 yards last year, but he's getting pushed at tailback by Jason Burns, who had an impressive spring. Mark Montgomery has the inside track to start at fullback. Aaron Brown leads the receiving corps. He will be joined by Lee DeRamus, who had a school-record 89-yarder against Eastern Michigan. The line is anchored by 300-pound Chuck Belin, and Alvarez is high on sophomore center Cory Raymer.

Defense was the Badgers' strength last year, and Alvarez is hoping for more of the same. The unit ranked 24th in the nation, thanks in part to Dwight Reese, who emerged as an impact player at linebacker, where Gary Casper also returns. The line is keyed by tackles Carlos Fowler and Mike Thompson, who impressed by making 105 tackles in '91. The secondary lost All-America cornerback Troy Vincent. Safeties Reggie Holt and Scott Nelson will be counted on to pick up the slack.


Reggie Holt
Wisconsin

PURDUE

(4-7, 3-5) Coach Jim Colletto instilled a disciplined, hard-line approach in his first year with the Boilermakers. It didn't go down easy, but after the transition year, Colletto hopes Purdue will start to make some strides. Purdue made a slight improvement in '91, losing two of its games by a total of five points.

Much of Purdue's fate will fall on quarterback Eric Hunter. The Big Ten's total-offense leader in 1990, Hunter faltered under Colletto's I-formation and several times lost his job

Filmel Johnson
Illinois

to Matt Pike. Hunter, though, had a good spring, and with his scrambling and throwing ability, he could emerge as a force again in the conference. Colletto also hopes the receivers grasp his system after they also struggled with routes last year. Ernest Calloway and Tedman Brown should be the chief threats. The rushing attack should be capable with Jeff Hill and Corey Rogers. Hill led the

Charles Beauchamp
Indiana

team with 678 yards, while Rogers grabbed Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors with 502 yards. Earl Coleman will compete at fullback with Arlee Connors and Houston Malden.

Defensively, the Boilermakers, who had their moments, led the Big Ten with 20 interceptions. The standout once again will be nose guard Jeff Zgonina, who squats 805 pounds. The Boilermakers are touting him for All-America honors. Cornerback Jimmy Young also was impressive last year with six interceptions. He joins a secondary that includes safety Pat Johnson and cornerback Tank Adams. Senior Eric Beatty could become one of the league's top linebackers after recording 101 tackles last year. The Boilermakers, though, still are searching for replacements at outside and inside linebacker and tackle. In addition, all-Big Ten punter Eric Bruun is gone. Place-kicker Joe O'Leary is back, but he will be challenged by redshirt freshman Vito Speciale.

Purdue figures to be in for a rough start, playing California and Notre Dame in two of its first three games.

MINNESOTA

(2-9, 1-7) New coach Jim Wacker was known for his enthusiasm in putting together a winning program at Texas Christian. Wacker's demeanor, though, will be tested at Minnesota. He inherits a team that had high expectations in 1991 and then won only two games. Minnesota will try to improve without 22 seniors who were an integral part of last year's team. Improvement has to come from everywhere. Offensively, Minnesota scored only 104 points; defensively, the Gophers were last in the Big Ten, giving up 412 yards per game. The special teams also were a disaster, as the Gophers made only 2 of 6 extra points.

Jeff Hill
Purdue

Into this situation walks Wacker. He does have a good starting spot in senior quarterback Marquel Fleetwood. Impressive as a sophomore in 1990, Fleetwood still completed 59 percent of his passes for 1,642 yards in '91. The Gophers have to capitalize on his running and throwing ability. Wacker plans to throw 60 percent of the time, and that will test receivers Omar Douglas, Lewis Garrison, and John Lewis. At running back, the Gophers are hoping for a return by Mark Smith. The junior rushed for 700 yards as a freshman in 1990 but missed most of last season with a knee injury. The offense suffered a big blow when it lost running back Chuck Rios to a knee injury during spring practice. Ted Harrison anchors a line that is searching for experience.

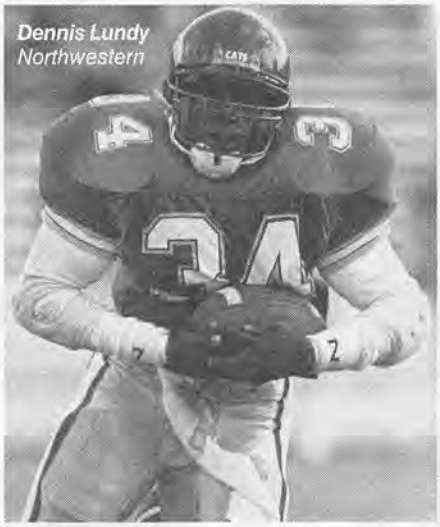
The Gophers suffered heavy losses on defense, including their MVP, safety Sean Lumpkin. Wacker will count on cornerbacks Drinon Mays and Derek Fisher for leadership in the secondary. Up front, Dennis Cappella, while only 223 pounds, is expected to make key contributions at tackle. Joining him will be Arthur Layton and Doyle Cockrell. William Collins, Andre Davis, and Russ Heath, all of whom started at one time during last season, return at linebacker.

Punter Dean Kaufman will be counted on to improve his 37.5-yard average.

NORTHWESTERN

(3-8, 2-6) Gary Barnett will try at Northwestern what no coach has been able to accomplish since 1971—compile a winning record. Ever since Alex Agase performed the feat, John Pont, Rick Venturi, Dennis Green, and Francis Peay have failed to bring respectability to Evanston. Barnett now gets his shot, and he has somewhat of a track record. In Barnett's first year as an assistant coach at Colorado, the Buffaloes went 1-10. Colorado eventually grew to become a national power. Northwestern hardly is expecting the same from Barnett. The Wildcats would be overjoyed with one 6-5 season.

With only 10 returning starters, Barnett went into spring practice with no depth chart, declaring that all the jobs were open. The quarterback position is wide open going into the fall even though Len Williams is a two-year starter. Barnett demoted Williams to No. 2 in spring practice as he took a long look at Nick Holgorsen. By the end of drills, they were rated even. Williams, though, does have the numbers, completing 62 percent of his passes with 10 touchdowns in 1991. Despite not starting any games as a freshman, Dennis Lundy led the Wildcats with 568 yards rushing. At receiver, Barnett is counting on tight end David Cross and split end Lee Gissendaner. The line will be headed by guard Pat Norton, the only returning starter in the unit.


Dennis Lundy
Northwestern

The Wildcats are looking at six returning defensive starters. Up front, there is experience in tackles Frank Boudreaux and John Hellebusch and at linebacker with Jason Cunningham and Steve Ostrowski. Cunningham recorded six sacks and Ostrowski is the top returning stopper, with 74 tackles. The Wildcats also are high on linebacker Steve Shine, who had an impressive spring game.

There won't be any honeymoon period for Barnett. The Wildcats open the season against Notre Dame in Soldier Field and then travel to Boston College and Stanford.

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NOTRE DAME

(10-3) Nineteen ninety-two already has been good for the Irish. First, they upset heavily favored Florida in the Sugar Bowl on January 1. Then, later that month, quarterback Rick Mirer announced he was bypassing the NFL draft to return to school for his senior year. Mirer said one of his primary reasons for staying was that he wanted a championship ring. Indeed, the Irish are in a No. 1 frame of mind.

Coach Lou Holtz's squad has the momentum and the talent to be a factor in the national title race. The Irish return 16 starters, including 10 on defense. None, though, will be more valuable than Mirer. He keys the offense with his running and passing ability, and he has the leadership to get the job done in pressure situations. Last year, he threw 18 touchdown passes, and figures to get better with another year of experience.

Demetrius
Dubose
Notre Dame

Mirer will be a top Heisman Trophy candidate, although he will get competition within his own team. Fullback Jerome Bettis emerged as a true star in 1991, with 972 yards rushing and 20 touchdowns. He had 150 yards against Florida, including touchdown runs of 49 and 39 yards within a span of three minutes. The tailback position is wide open, with Holtz looking at Reggie Brooks and Willie Clark. At receiver, the Irish lost All-America tight end Derek Brown, but they are extremely high on Irv Smith and are counting on flanker Lake Dawson to be a prime target. The line is strong with fifth-year tackles Justin Hall and Lindsay Knapp.

There is experience on the defense, but the unit must improve if the Irish are going to be in the national title hunt. It allowed 21.8 points and 382.3 yards per game. The arrival of new

coordinator Rick Minter could be a factor. The Irish are hoping for a return to health up front after tackles Eric Jones and Bryant Young went down with ankle injuries last year. End Devon McDonald is steady. Linebacker Demetrius DuBose, who led the team with 127 tackles, is being promoted as a Butkus Award candidate. The secondary lost safety Rod Smith, but stardom is being predicted for cornerback Tom Carter. One of the big keys will be the health of place-kicker and punter Craig Hentrich, who underwent knee surgery in January and missed spring drills.

The schedule is inviting. Notre Dame has Michigan, Stanford, and Penn State at home, with Southern Cal as its only major road test.

CINCINNATI

(4-7) Coach Tim Murphy finally can see some light. Cincinnati made a major improvement after winning only two games in Murphy's first two years. The Bearcats won two of their last four games and played tough in losses to Kentucky and East Carolina last fall.

Cincinnati will have 16 returning starters to help build on last year's momentum. The attack once again will be led by tailback David Small. He rushed for 1,004 yards, becoming the first Bearcat to break the 1,000-yard barrier since 1986. The 5-foot-9 sophomore was a surprise last year. He won't be in 1992.

Expect a battle at quarterback, where juniors Lance Harp and Paul Anderson will compete. Anderson was the 1990 starter but missed most of last year with injuries. Harp responded by throwing for 1,443 yards and seven touchdowns. The line could be a question mark, with three starters gone. That'll put the burden on center Jamie Crysdale and tackle Jim Carmon. Tight end Kris Bjorson was a first-team academic All-America.

Defensively, the line is deep and solid. The Bearcats have experience in tackles Gary Reid and Ronnie Dixon and nose guard Bob Duckens. Big things are expected from linebacker Nate Dingle, who recorded a team-high 13 tackles for losses. Cornerback Jocelyn Borgella is the main man in the secondary.

Cincinnati opens up against Penn State, and it has nowhere to go but up after last year's 81-0 loss.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

(2-9) After a trying season in 1991, coach Charlie Sadler's slogan for 1992 is "Off the porch." The Huskies were so docile last year, "They wouldn't even get off the porch to bark at the mailman," said Sadler. No, it wasn't an easy transition year for Sadler, who took over for the departed Jerry Pettibone. He had to start 11 first-year players. Of course, there are some benefits since those players come back with experience.

Sadler is high on running back LeShon Johnson, who sat out 1991 due to academic difficulties. He thinks Johnson can be a 1,000-yard back. Quarterback is wide open. Senior Rob Rugai emerged as the No. 1 out of spring practice, but he will be pushed by juco transfer Scott Crabtree. Whoever wins the job will look for Larry Wynn, who caught 21 passes during an injury-plagued season.

Defense obviously is a top priority since the Huskies gave up 33 points and 454 yards per game in 1991. Up front, Rob Wagner will be an anchor, but Sadler will look hard at his recruits. Steve Wild keys the linebacker corps, and there's experience in the secondary with Rich Favor, Jeff Taylor, and Tom Rhomberg.

This season marks Northern Illinois' last as an independent. In 1993, the Huskies become a part of the new, expanded Big West.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

(12-3) Now comes the hard part for Youngstown State. The Penguins have to defend their Division I-AA national championship, the first ever won by the school. It won't be easy for coach Jim Tressel. His Penguins shocked the football world by winning the title last year, but it could be even more shocking if they repeat. They lost 16 starters from that squad.

The biggest task will be finding a replacement for quarterback Ray Isaac, who posted a

Rick Mirer
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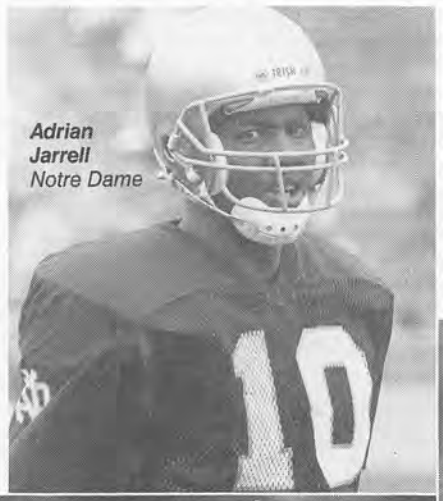
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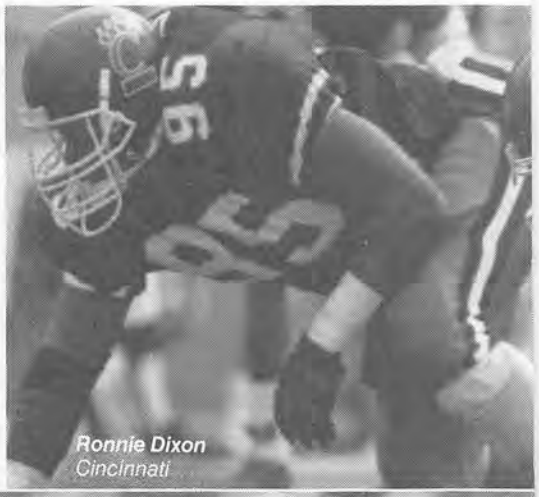
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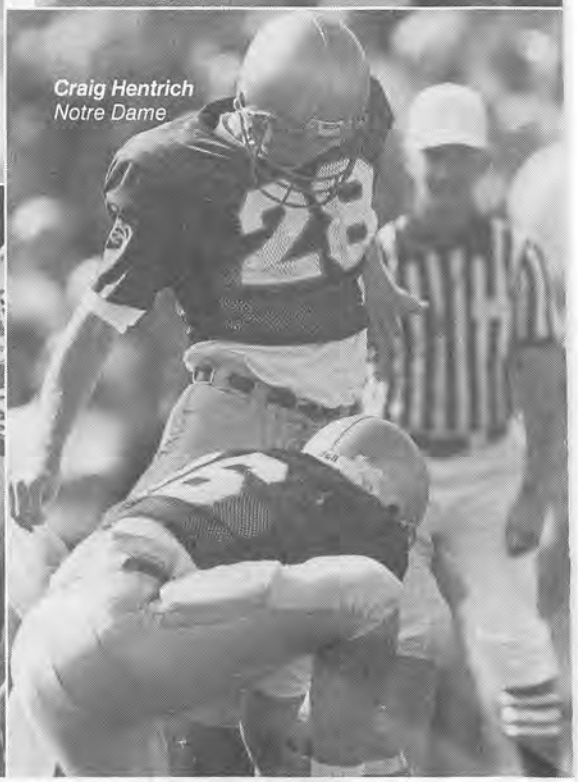
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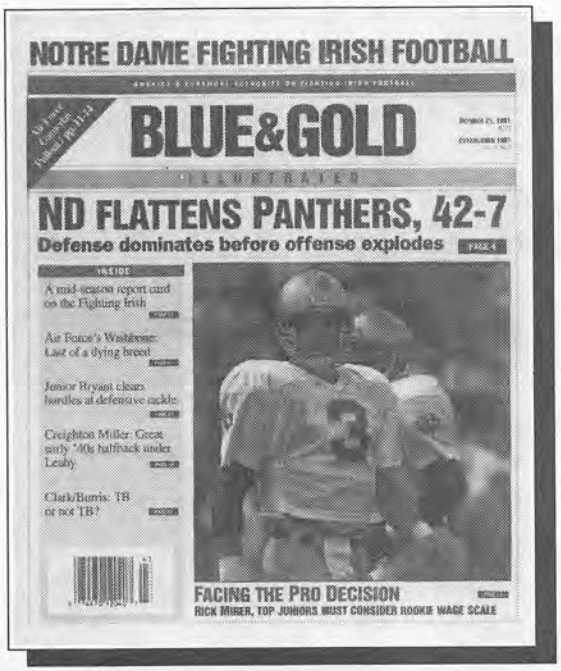
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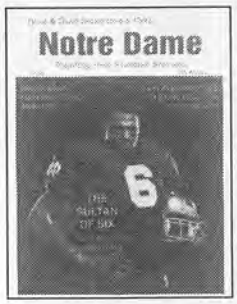

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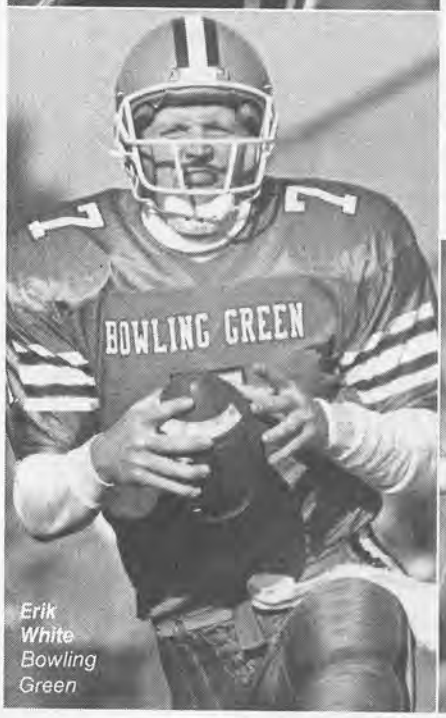
34-9 record. Senior Nick Cochran is looking to step up after two years of being a backup, and he will be pushed by redshirt freshman Mark Brungard. The bad news is that Leo Hawkins, a 1,000-yard rusher last year, has departed. But the good news is that Tamron Smith returns. He gained 1,545 yards, averaging over five yards per carry. The coaches also are high on Darnell Clark. At receiver, Andre Ballinger is gone, but Herb Williams (29 catches) is ready to step in. The offensive line suffered heavy losses, and will need to come together if the Penguins are going to match last year's average of 27.5 points per game.

All-America nose guard Pat Danko has graduated, leaving a huge void. The line, though, does have experience with Chris Vecchione. At linebacker, Marcus Evans and Reginald Lee should be fixtures. Cornerback Randy Smith will try to top last year's eight-interception performance and versatile Dave Roberts rejoins him in the secondary.

Place-kicker Jeff Wilkins, once a walk-on, earned his keep with 78 points, hitting 16 of 27 field-goal attempts.

Larry Wynn
Northern Illinois



Erik White
Bowling Green

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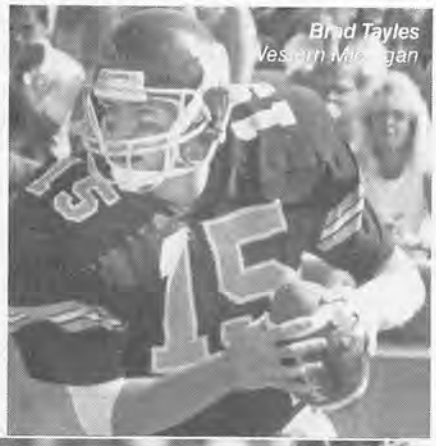
No MAC team has won back-to-back championships since Central Michigan in 1979-80, but Bowling Green may have enough talent to pull off the feat. The Falcons have veterans at every skill position, including MAC Player of the Year Erik White at quarterback and top receiver Mark Szlachcic.

Gary Blackney's first season at Bowling Green featured a 10-1 record and a victory in the California Raisin Bowl. Unblemished in the MAC last season, the Falcons face a nasty nonconference schedule that includes road games against Ohio State and Wisconsin and a home tilt against Peach Bowl champion East Carolina. In addition, they play at Central Michigan and Toledo, their principal pursuers in the MAC in 1991. Miami, boasting a solid defense, should contend and Western Michigan could also be in the race.

BOWLING GREEN

Erik White threw 19 touchdown passes while completing 58 percent for 2,467 yards and Mark Szlachcic made 76 catches for 1,132 yards. But the Falcons, who allowed just 11 sacks, keep only Steve Bosko and Joe Wyse from their offensive line, and that could affect both the passing game and a solid running attack led by LeRoy Smith. Szlachcic's skills will blend with those of Ronnie Redd, who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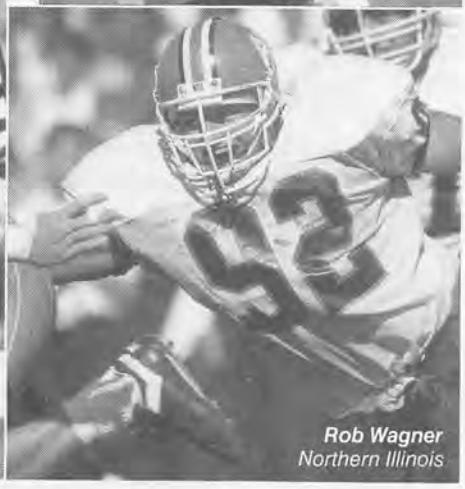
Rob Wagner
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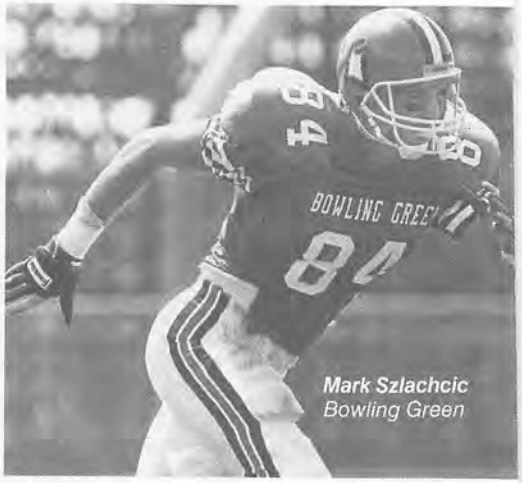
caught six touchdown passes, and Dave Hankins, who averaged 15 yards per catch. Tight end Brett Landman had 35 receptions.

The defense allowed only 13.3 points per game, ninth-best in the country, and the Falcons also were ninth in turnover margin. But all-conference linemen Mark Ross, Paul Harris, and Steve Wilbourne must be replaced; Bob Dudley and Clint Frazier will step into two of those spots. Linebackers Artie Mangham, Vince Palko, and Mike Calcagno provide a solid inside linebacking crew. Kevin O'Brien will start for the third season at outside linebacker. A deep secondary features cornerbacks Carlos Brooks and Ken Burress, who are "as good as any in the nation," according to coach Gary Blackney, and Dave Bielinski at free safety.

MIAMI

Led by middle linebacker Curt McMillan, the MAC Defensive Player of the Year, the Redskins are in position to continue their climb in the standings. Winless only four years ago, Miami was 6-4-1 last season and has eight starters back on defense.

McMillan's 204 tackles led the nation and Miami was fifth nationally in total defense and scoring defense. Robert Blanton and Jason Phillips also are established linebackers and Ron Carpenter, who has 14 interceptions in the past two seasons, anchors the secondary.



Mark Szlachcic
Bowling Green

He's supported by cornerbacks Shean Williams and David Thomas. The line includes Mark Staten, Bill Atha, and Thad Fidler.

"We have hung our hats on our defense the past two years and I'm hoping the offense can take some pressure off them this season," coach Randy Walker said.

The Redskins need a good season from quarterback Jim Clement, a two-year starter slowed by injuries in 1991. Sophomore Neil Dougherty and redshirt freshman Randy Hargrave may challenge him. Miami's running game was second-best in the MAC and Lakumba Wallace, Terry Carter, and Kevin Ellerbe are staging a battle for tailback. The line has Jeff Chabot, Chris Brenner, and Mike Kreeger and the receiving corps claims Gordon Benning and Jeremy Patterson.

TOLEDO

Gary Pinkel went 5-5-1 in his first season as coach and the Rockets' 4-3-1 record tied for third in the MAC. He has five starters back on offense and seven on defense among 33 let-

termen. Pinkel hopes the Rockets will yield fewer big plays than they did in 1991, when his club didn't make enough crucial plays at crunch time. Toledo lost three league games by a total of 10 points.

Pinkel will continue to use the spread offense about 80 percent of the time and has quarterback Kevin Meger to direct it. Meger completed 53 percent of his passes for 1,787 yards and Marcus Goodwin had 42 catches. Ainsworth Morgan, Tom Boyd, Geoff Simrell, and Scott Brunswick provide speed at outside receiver. Running-back candidates are Steve Cowan, Casey McBeth, Damon Nelson, and Aristotle Wilson. They'll depend upon a young offensive line led by Andy McCollum and Chadd Dehn.

The Rockets' strength is their defensive line, led by Maurice Bulls, Chris Boykin, Chris Schlachter, Terry Jackson, and Dan Williams. Darren Anderson, Tim Caffey, and Al Baker lend experience to the secondary.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

The Chippewas' unique 3-1-4 conference record was good for a second-place finish and their 6-1-4 mark equaled an NCAA record for ties. CMU has gone 26 seasons without a losing record. Coach Herb Deromedi (100-43-10 in 14 years at Central Michigan) has some major changes to make after losing all-MAC quarterback Jeff Bender, tailback Billy Smith, flanker Ken Ealy, and nine other starters.

The defense features all-MAC tackle Mike Nettie and Lamar Sally and nose guard Jason Wilkie. Oscar Ford, Darrall Stinson, and Richard Barker return to the secondary, but the linebacking corps must replace four-year starters Clarence Rose and Todd Reynolds.

Bender, a four-year starter, and Smith, the MAC rushing leader (1,440 yards), must be replaced. Joe Youngblood has the inside track at quarterback and Leo Griffin and Eric Myles are tailback contenders. Greg Sherwin, Marty Malcolm, and Art Droski are experienced linemen.

Central Michigan posted a 20-3 victory over Michigan State and plays the Spartans and Kentucky in nonconference games this fall.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Broncos coach Al Molde says Paul Hutchins, his 6-6, 330-pound tackle, is the "best offensive line prospect I've had in my coaching career." Hutchins, an all-MAC performer, Dave VanDale, and Scott Fleming are veteran linemen in a unit that ranked fourth in the MAC in total offense. Quarterback Brad Tayles completed 49 percent of his passes but threw 17 interceptions. Still, he's only the third player to pass for more than 6,000 yards in three seasons in the MAC and he'll have John Morton back as a prime receiver. Former walk-on Andre Wallace showed promise at tailback, but he might be used at receiver, as may Jim Vackaro and Elon Banks. Kam Merritt gives stability at fullback.

Six players have experience in the secondary. Steve Hawkins had 96 tackles as a strong safety and Pierre Hixon, Tim Osborne, Paul Davis, Mark Ricks, and Jeff Reynolds support him. Linebackers Rufus Harris and Jeff Allor will be supported by Jeff Lujan and Peter Tuffo, who were slowed by shoulder injuries in '91. Carl Lopez is an incumbent at outside linebacker and Dave Cutlip is a three-year starter at end.

BALL STATE

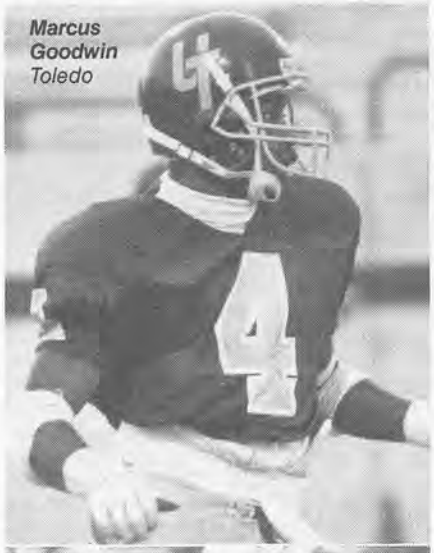
Thirteen starters return, including quarterback Mike Neu and tailback Corey Croom. Neu ranked second in the league in passing by completing 141 of 225 for 1,491 yards and Croom ran for over 1,000 yards (6.2 avg.). The Cardinals also retain linemen Jose Munoz and Tim Christian, with Steve Craig, Lance Wildoner, and Andy Berry in reserve. The receiving corps features Mike LeSure (49 receptions) and Brian Oliver. Punter Damon Keller averaged 40.4 yards.

Ball State keeps eight defensive starters, including all-conference linebackers Henry Hall and Mark Parris. The Cardinals were third in the MAC in scoring defense and have Carl Kendrick and Bryant Branigan back in the line, Troy Hoffer and Copatric Dartis in the secondary, and Don Stonefield at linebacker.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

The Hurons' 3-7-1 season saw them get off to a slow start and never recover. They lost their first five games while being outscored 133-32 and finished last in the MAC in passing and scoring offense. But they keep six starters on offense and eight on defense, including soph quarterback Kwame McKinnon and defensive tackle Mickey McBride, who led the conference in tackles for loss.

"We were not a good offensive team last year, so that is a high priority," coach Jim Harkema said. "With all of the starters we have coming back, I think we have a chance to be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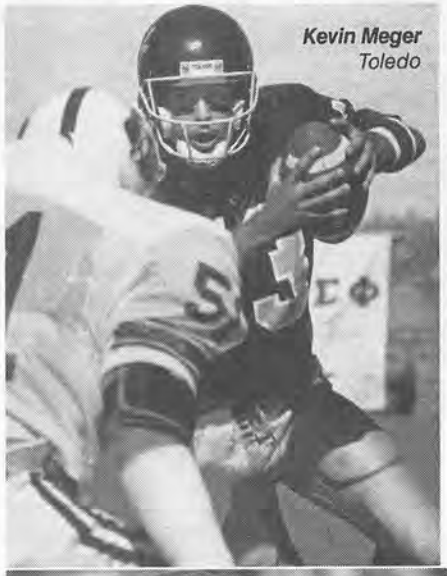
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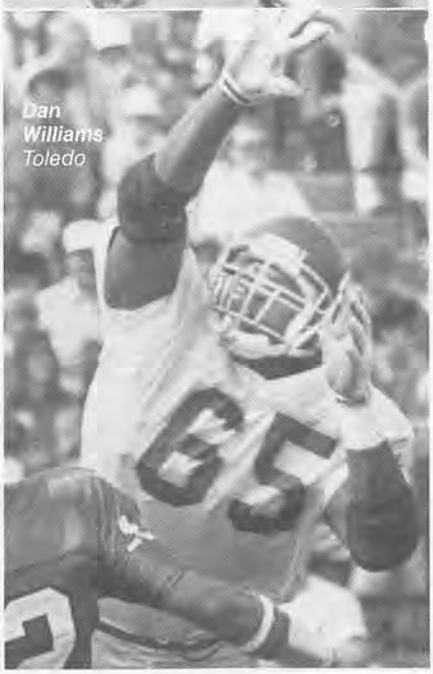
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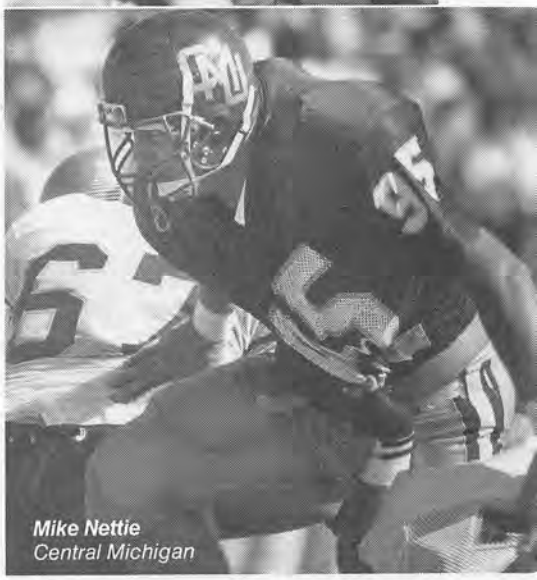

Mike Nettie
Central Michigan

very good on defense. We have size, speed, and athletic ability in the secondary in addition to our strength up front."

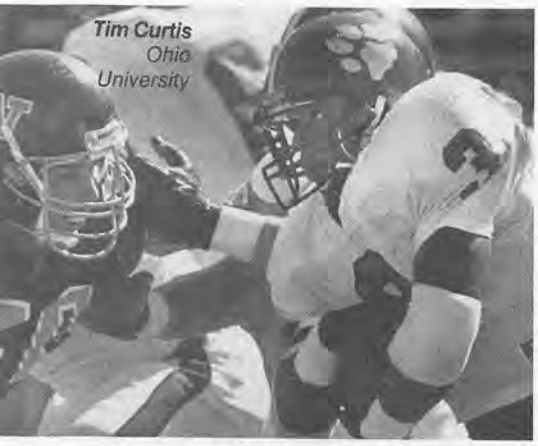
Eastern Michigan still has 247-pound fullback Eddie Nwagbaraocha, tailback Cameron Moss, and wide receiver Bryan Wauldron. Moss ran for 452 yards and gained another 133 on receptions. Wauldron averaged 15.2 yards on 14 catches. The line keeps guard Bobby Pandelidis and tackle Mike Boyle.

The defensive backs include Ronald Rice, Kevin Tooson, Cazzie Nelson, and Richard Palmer; McBride is joined in the line by Sean Shoda and Walter Campbell. Mike Danley is the only linebacker with experience. "It's pretty obvious that, if we can find some linebackers, we'll have a good defensive football team," Harkema said.

OHIO

Third-year coach Tom Lichtenberg hopes to shore up a defense that allowed 34 or more points to six opponents, leaving the Bobcats with a 2-8-1 record. But he can field a defensive unit with nine returning regulars and veterans two deep at every position.

Seven starters are back on offense, including 1,085-yard rusher Tim Curtis. Tom Dubs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completed 144 passes for 1,855 yards and still has receivers Mark Rapp and Courtney Burton, who combined for 49 catches. The offensive line is anchored by guards Chris Park and Jack Goldsberry, tackle Darren Reese, and tight end Doug Davidson.

The defensive line will be led by Anthony Greene, Jason Carthen, Jim Frenzer and Ed Slay. Linebackers Scott Zele, Troy Vespie, and Dwayne Cox remain, as do defensive backs Randy Rawlins and Nehemiah Haire. Major losses included wide receiver Richard Hill, linebacker Mike Dunn, and punter Andy Grombacher.

"We still have a ways to go to bring our football program back to respectability," Lichtenberg said. "I'm excited about our attitude and the foothold we've established." Ohio hasn't won more than four games since 1982.

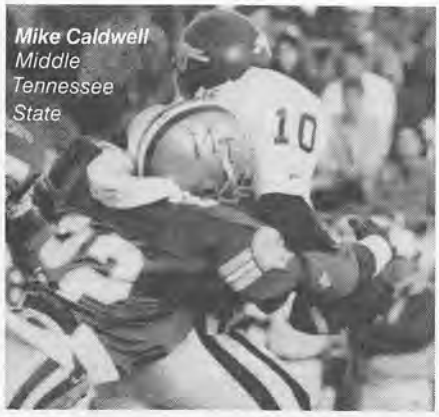
AKRON

Akron's 5-6 record included an 0-2 mark against MAC schools, but the Zips won four of the last six games in preparation for entering conference play. Coach Gerry Faust, in his seventh year at Akron, claims 36 lettermen, including seven starters on defense and four on offense. Among his losses were quarterback Jeff Sweitzer, leaving little-used Marcel Weems as the likely successor. Akron's veterans include running backs Marlon Jacobs, who averaged 4.6 yards on 97 carries, and Ramont Small. Akron lost its two top receivers, Harold Robinson and Bradford Jones, and has just Bob Dunwiddie and J.J. Schidemantle returning in the line.

The Zips also have voids in their defensive front, where only nose guard Wayne Anderson returns as a starter. Phil Dunn, a freshman All-America who led the team in tackles, and Bruce Keys are back at linebacker and the secondary will benefit from experienced backs Wayne Wade, Chris Owens, and Victor Green. Daron Alcorn handles the punting and the place-kicking.

KENT

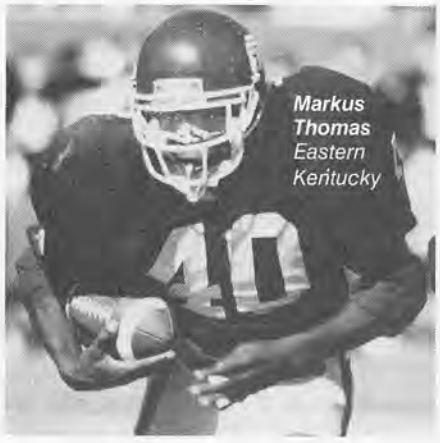
Kent has but three victories in the past three seasons, so second-year coach Pete Cordelli has his hands full. The Golden Flashes were


Mike Caldwell
Middle Tennessee State

1-10 last season, including a 14-13 victory over Toledo in early November.

Leading rusher Brad Smith is gone, leaving Ted Gregory and Marcus Haywood as replacements. Each averaged 3.4 yards per carry but will benefit from having four starters return in the offensive line: guards Rodney West and Jay McNeil, tackle Ryan Creed, and center John Lorentz. Quarterback Kevin Shuman returns, but he mixed 11 interceptions with 943 passing yards. The top returning receiver is Ted Gregory.

Cordelli can work with eight returning starters on defense, including some depth at linebacker with Morrey Norris, Sean Patterson, Maurice Sumpter, and Brady Renners. Vance Benton, Brian Allen, and Kevin Harris key a veteran secondary and Dave Tkatch is a solid nose guard. Place-kicker John Izenour and punter Mike Challenger are experienced.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Eastern Kentucky

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Some year Eastern Kentucky probably will run out of quality players, but it won't be this year. Roy Kidd enters his 29th season as the Colonels coach and claims 11 returning starters. The situation is pretty much the same at Middle Tennessee State, the other perennial contender for the Ohio Valley championship. Boots Donnelly's 14th team at MTSU retains 14 regulars.

Kidd's 230 victories—he trails only Grambling's Eddie Robinson and Penn State's Joe Paterno—included 12 straight last season. The Colonels lost their opener at Louisville, 24-14, and then rolled over everybody until Marshall won a 14-7 decision in the third round of the Division I-AA playoffs. Along the way, the Colonels stopped Middle Tennessee twice, 17-7 in September and 23-13 in the playoffs' second round. Another two-team race appears imminent and the addition of a ninth team to the conference won't change an old habit. Tennessee-Martin becomes eligible for the title one season after Southeast Missouri State joined.

Mario McCollough
Ohio University

EASTERN KENTUCKY

The Colonels will run out of tailbacks when the Sahara runs out of sand. The latest in a long line is Markus Thomas, who has run for 4,058 yards and 35 touchdowns the past three seasons. He led the OVC in rushing and was sixth in the nation last year with 123 yards per game. Eastern Kentucky will be without Tim Lester, who played fullback in 1991 after running up some big numbers himself as a tailback. But coach Roy Kidd keeps quarterback Joey Crenshaw, who threw for 1,277 yards,

and split end Kenny McCollum, who had a team-high 18 catches. The line is led by 293-pound tackle Brian Pressler and 240-pound tight end Dwayne Woods. The interior also includes Cas Jessee, Ted McGonigle, Joey Thom, and Mike Thomas. Senior place-kicker Todd Duffy, who had a string of conversions broken at 70 last fall, also is back.

Junior tackle Chad Bratzke will lead the defense after making 18 tackles for losses. Linebacker Ara Jackson, rover Fred Moton, and cornerbacks Brad Ladd and Glenn Williams helped Eastern rank fourth nationally in scoring defense.

Kidd recruited a corps of 23 high school and junior college players and will fill some of his few vacancies from that group.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

While the Blue Raiders retain most of their starters, they lose seven interior linemen. The only returning offensive lineman is 282-pound tackle Steve McAdoo, a potential All-America. Randy Houston is the only returning interior defensive lineman.

"We have some pretty talented youngsters moving in behind the starters we lost, but they'll still have to build their own backlog of practice reps and game competition before they can become as effective as the more experienced players they're replacing," coach Boots Donnelly said.

Middle Tennessee also loses Joe Campbell, a four-year starter at tailback who gained 3,823 yards. Walter Dunson, who ran for 621 yards and 13 touchdowns last season, will step into his slot. Quarterback is capably manned by sophomore Kelly Holcomb, who had only four interceptions in 209 passes.

The Blue Raiders should have an effective pass defense with Danny Lawrence and Mike Caldwell back at end and Jamie Redmond, Adrian Owens, and Andre Boykin in the secondary. The kicking game is solid with punter Joel Alsobrook and place-kicker Garth Petrilli.

Middle Tennessee's schedule includes a September 12 date at Nebraska. That replaces last season's game at Florida State, a 39-10 defeat.

MOREHEAD STATE

Cole Proctor's third season as the Eagles coach sees him retain nine starters on defense from an injury-riddled 4-7 team. That unit features tackle Richard Shadwick and outside linebacker Fred Johnson. Tyrone Fisher is expected to lead the secondary, and linebackers Jamie Phillips and Don Matthews return after extensive play as freshmen. Lawrence Gore moves from strong to free safety.

Proctor intends to install an option offense, which may leave dropback quarterback Steve Donato as the odd man out. Donato completed 134 of 237 passes for 1,578 yards, but he isn't considered much of a runner, so redshirts Matt Bloemer and Jeremy Holbrook are being given chances to direct the option. Bloemer is a freshman and Holbrook backed up record-setting passer Chris Swartz two years ago. Darrin Harris and Anthony Jerdine, the two top rushers, return along with tight end Rodney Harris. Brandon Ford was the Eagles' best tight end but he injured a knee in the season's second game and remains a question mark. The line needs replacements at three spots, with James Appel the major loss.

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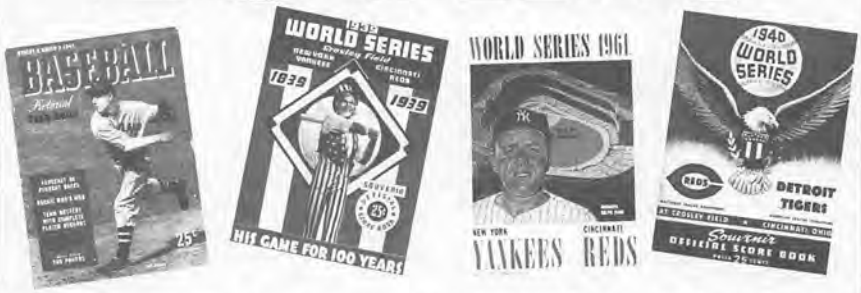

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MURRAY STATE

The Racers were an uncharacteristic 3-8 (1-6 in the OVC) but were hampered by injuries that caused seven opening-game starters to miss significant action. The return of four of those players—defensive backs Beau Brown and Tyrone Young, linebacker Jimmy Stratton, and offensive guard Norman Mims—should help Murray State reload. Other offensive returnees include quarterback Tremain Lewis, tailback Waynee McGowan, flanker David Redmond, fullback Dave Cox, and linemen Marcus Perry and Scott Cannon. Lewis gained 1,595 yards in total offense after transferring from junior college. McGowan started five games as a freshman and led the Racers in rushing, with 453 yards.

Defensive veterans include linebackers Martin Diehl and Melvin Aldridge, end Kevin Gibbs, and tackle Steve Rokusek. Coach Mike Mahoney held three players out of spring practice to nurse injuries. Defensive end Joe Lepsis and tight end Kris Minnich are expected to contribute, but the injured knee of safety Tomas Cobb is more of a concern.

AUSTIN PEAY

The Governors followed back-to-back winning seasons with a 5-6 effort, but second-year coach Roy Gregory installed the wishbone and believes more familiarity with his system will help this fall. The offense will be directed by quarterback Reggie Williams, whose midseason shoulder injury cut short a year in which he still threw for 773 yards. However, Williams's 42 percent completion average could stand improvement. Jody Smith, Jamie Spicer, and Samy Hillman all averaged at least five yards per carry and combined for more than 1,600 yards rushing. The Governors' blockers include 290-pound guard Bill Sneathen and 280-pound tackle Mack Young, both two-year starters.

Shane Queen
Tennessee Tech

The Governors must replace defensive linemen Jeff Crutchfield and Darryl Hamilton, but they keep end Richard Darden. James Mesidor has been moved from safety to linebacker and joins veterans Rod Crutchfield, Bunky Beasley, and Julius Thorpe. Gregory hopes his secondary will continue to improve. It includes sophomores Darius Willis, Arthur King, James Loydd, and John Lyons and seniors Marvin Mouzon and Renard Simmons.

"Last year we won on attitude and everyone pulling in the same direction," Gregory said. "That's the only way we're going to win this year."

TENNESSEE-MARTIN

The Pacers posted a 4-3 record against OVC teams as they prepared to advance to Division I-AA and their first season of membership in a new league. They finished 5-6 while defeating Southwest Missouri, Morehead State, Tennessee Tech, and Austin Peay, but didn't have the firepower to stay with Eastern Kentucky and Middle Tennessee. The Ohio Valley front-runners combined for 107 points against the Pacers.

Tennessee-Martin is led by quarterback Leonard Williams, who passed for more than 2,500 yards and 24 touchdowns. There is also a standout tight end in Oscar Bunch and a quality receiver in Robert Thomas. Strong safety Charles Wilson returns after missing six games with a stress fracture in his foot.

Only six seniors will grace coach Don McLeary's squad, which beefed up to I-AA scholarship levels by signing a truckload of freshmen. Seniors on offense are receivers Scott Stidham and Tom Ruban, backup quarterback Rickey Armstrong, and guard Roger Brown. Defensive seniors are three-year starters Joe Keating at end and Todd Shanks at middle linebacker. O'Dale Satterfield and Dewayne Harper are sound backs.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

The Indians' first season in Division I-AA saw them lose their first six games before finishing 3-8, including a 3-4 mark in the OVC. But graduation claimed their quarterback and two top receivers and running backs from an offense that established six school records.

Jason Liley, who battled a knee injury last season, may return to the 1990 form that saw him pass for 2,333 yards as a sophomore. Aaron Layton (43 catches), Glenn Krupa (35), and Marlon Dean (19) lead the receiving corps. Kelvin Anderson and Antoine Esters will do most of the ball-carrying.

Seven defensive starters remain, including all-conference safety James Chinn and sophomore linebackers Claude Sanders and Rawleigh Williams. The line has a three-year starter, nose guard Chris Pickett, and gets back tackle Doug Berg, who missed last season with an illness. The Indians led the conference in interceptions; Chinn is supported in the secondary by Steve Bryant, Michael Graves, and Derrick Smith.

Willie Queen
Tennessee Tech

TENNESSEE STATE

Quarterback James Wade will team up again with receiver Patrick Robinson to give the Tigers a fiery passing game. Wade, an all-OVC selection, completed 54 percent of his passes for 2,020 yards and Robinson had 49 receptions for 782 yards and six touchdowns. Chad McCollam ran for 328 yards as a freshman and added 24 catches for 282 yards. He'll team with fullback Marcus Moye, who averaged 4.5 on 42 carries. Tennessee State keeps seven starters both on offense and defense from a 3-8 team. Three regulars were lost on the offensive line, but tackle Robert Moorman is back and guard Marshun Middleton probably will be moved to center to replace the departed John Macon, another all-OVC player. The biggest void was left by tackle Larry Tharpe.

Coach Joe Gilliam's defense lost linebacker Elliot Pilton, whose 152 tackles led the OVC. A strong secondary is anchored by cornerback Randy Fuller and free safety Brent Alexander. The line features tackle Gerome Gardner and nose guard Armond Singleton; Lamont Wortham adds strength to the linebacking.

Punter Colin Godfrey has a 42.3-yard career average, but the Tigers need better field-goal kicking after attempting only three all season. Tennessee State endured a trio of three-point losses and fell to league champion Eastern Kentucky by only a touchdown.

TENNESSEE TECH

The Golden Eagles' hopes of improving on a 2-9 record get no break from the schedule, which includes games against three of the four semifinalists in the I-AA playoffs. Tech does, however, have 17 starters returning.

Defensive end Shane Queen set a school record with 10 sacks and linebacker Maurice Draine led the team with 84 tackles. Other defensive veterans are linebackers Tim Ford and Marrio Thomas, tackle Jason Hiett, and backs George Thompson, Mike Stewart, Tony Eckler, and Ted Lockerby. Tech should benefit from the return of all-OVC defensive back Chip Holmes and Felix Parham, who were inel-

Tremain Lewis
Murray State

igible last season. Daniel Gipson also is a quality place-kicker.

Willie Queen, who carried 77 times for 568 yards, is the tailback with Billy Shackelford at fullback. Damyen Taylor, Randy Beaman, and Mike Jones all have experience at quarterback; Glenn Puryear is their best receiver. Center Tracy Russell, guards Keith Baldwin and Bubba Winter, and tackle Matt Martin are back in the line, but junior college transfers may challenge there. □

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TEXAS A&M

Only a last-minute loss to Tulsa in a non-conference game prevented the Aggies from playing for the national title last fall. A&M went undefeated in SWC play with a prolific offense and a rugged defense that produced two first-round NFL draft picks. A series of outstanding recruiting efforts under coach R.C. Slocum should enable the Aggies to reload rather than rebuild as they aim to improve on their 10-2 finish and strive for their fifth Cotton Bowl appearance in eight seasons.

Searching for a starting quarterback was one of the Aggies' few major tasks on offense in the spring. Redshirt freshmen Matt Miller and Tommy Preston were listed at the top of the depth chart, earning them the right to share time in a backfield that includes senior fullback Doug Carter and sophomore tailback Greg Hill, who set an SWC freshman record with 1,216 yards rushing last season. The Aggies could develop a more potent passing attack with the return of veteran receivers Tony Harrison, Brian Mitchell, and Ryan Mathews and tight end Greg Schorp. Most teams would covet the depth and experience found in A&M's offensive line. Guards John Ellisor and Tyler Harrison, tackle Dexter Wesley, and center Chris Dausin all started for the Aggies a year ago, leaving sophomore tackles Todd Mathison and Jeff Jones competing for the only available opening.

Sam Adams
Texas A&M

Even if the Aggies' offense fails to click while waiting for a starting quarterback to emerge, enough talent should remain from the nation's top-rated defense to offset any potential problems. A&M once again will rotate six linemen in hopes of helping players gain experience and stay fresh, especially during early-season games. Eric England has been moved from end to nose guard, where he will line up between ends Lance Teichelman and sophomore sensation Sam Adams. Marcus Buckley, who led the Aggies with 13 sacks, will be joined at outside linebacker by either Steve Solari or Otis Nealy. Inside linebacker Jason Atkinson led the Aggies with 95 tackles. Other candidates at inside linebacker include Reggie Graham and Larry Jackson.

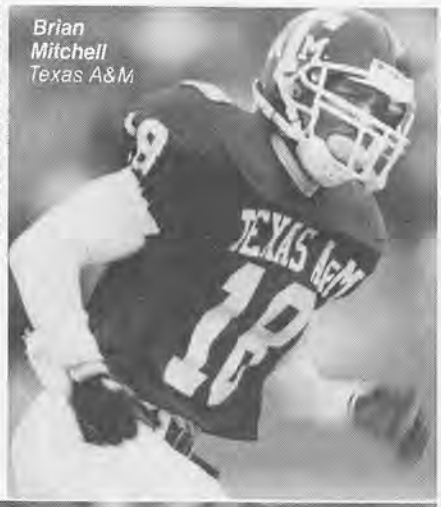
The secondary has been reshuffled in hopes of finding the proper combination to pair with cornerback Derrick Frazier and standout free safety Patrick Bates. Converted running back Wilbert Biggens will compete with sophomores Steve Kenney and Michael Hendricks at safety. Redshirt freshman Ray Mickens and soph Billy Mitchell and Junior White are leading contenders for the other starting cornerback spot.

A&M's biggest question mark on special teams involves who will replace first-round NFL draft pick Kevin Smith as the return specialist. Place-kicker Terry Venetoulias converted 13 of 18 field-goal attempts last season, while punter David Davis hopes to improve on his net average of 36.5 yards.

TEXAS

The Longhorns will celebrate their centennial in college football with a new head coach in John Mackovic and the same lofty expectations from alumni that contributed to several changes in the program following last year's 5-6 record under David McWilliams. Mackovic was given a multimillion-dollar contract last winter with the intent of restoring the Longhorns' rich football heritage. He spent much of his time during spring drills evaluating his available talent and trying to determine which pieces will fit into this season's puzzle.

When Darrell Royal walked the Texas sideline almost a generation ago, the popular sentiment on the Forty Acres was that only three things can happen to a team when it chooses to pass and two of those are bad. But Mackovic is a firm believer in the pass and likely will



Brian Mitchell
Texas A&M

Peter Gardere
Texas

offer a marked contrast in offensive philosophy from typical Longhorns coaches.

Much of the offense will be focused on the return of senior Peter Gardere, who already has established two university passing records yet has come under the standard criticism aimed at Texas quarterbacks. Gardere, who threw 12 interceptions and only five touchdown passes a year ago, will be protected by a line anchored by tackle Alan Luther, guard Jeff Boyd, and center Turk McDonald. Added help will come from guard Sam Adams and tight end Jason Burleson. The Longhorns should receive a boost in their attempts to build an effective passing attack with the presence of a heralded receiving corps led by Darrick Duke, Kenny Neal, Brian Howard, and Justin McLemore. Neal caught at least one pass in each of the 11 games a year ago and Duke led the Longhorns with 35 receptions.

Few teams can match Texas's depth and experience in the secondary: safeties Lance Gunn and Willie Mack Garza and cornerbacks Grady Cavness and Joey Ellis. Returning starter Anthony Curl and linebacker candidates Doug Livingston and Chris Rapp may play prominent roles on a unit which ranked third in the nation in total defense with an average yield of just 258 yards per game.

The defense is expected to make few changes in philosophy under Mackovic, but faces its biggest rebuilding project in the front line. Right end Bo Robinson and tackles Todd Yeaman and James Lane will have to gain experience quickly.

Place-kicker Jason Ziegler converted only six of his 11 field-goal attempts last season. Kelly McClanahan also must improve on his net average of 33 yards per punt.

BAYLOR

With the memories of last season's roller-coaster ride behind them, the Bears hope to put together the same type of stunning start that saw them win their first five games and to avert a sluggish finish. Baylor's season hit rock bottom in a 24-0 loss to Indiana in the Copper Bowl that left the Bears with an 8-4 mark. Motivation shouldn't be a problem since veteran Grant Teaff already has announced his intentions to leave the sideline after the 1992 season (his 21st as the Bears head coach) to concentrate his full attention to his new duties as Baylor's athletic director.

Another quick start could be in the offing for the Bears, who open their schedule with five of their first six games at home and play a record seven home games at Floyd Casey Stadium. In fact, if enough adequate personnel can be found in the offensive line and if an untested defense gains early confidence, Baylor could challenge for another bowl bid.

J.J. Joe and Steve Needham are expected to share time at quarterback in the Bears' I-formation veer offense. Junior fullback Robert Strait, still trying to live up to his impressive high school press clippings, tailback Robert Mims, and X-back Melvin Bonner are the other returnees in a deep and talented backfield. Strait could hold the key to the Bears' Cotton Bowl hopes if he can grind out yardage behind an untested line. Mims was hampered by a shoulder injury during much of last season,

Lance Gunn
Texas

but he should rebound to aid a receiving corps bolstered by the addition of converted defensive back Tyrone Smith.

Craig Bellamy, a tackle last season, has been moved to guard. Other line candidates include David Leaks, Ricky Heard, Will Davidson, Marty Dunbar, and Len Pawelek.

The defensive front also will undergo a rebuilding phase with Steve Strahan, Bryan Sralla, Ivan Mazoch, Albert Fontenot, and Matthew Pearson expected to play significant roles. Converted defensive back Le'Shai Maston and Lee Bruderer are the top returning names at linebacker. Veteran safeties Keith Caldwell and Michael McFarland could be moved to cornerback, with Tim Spencer and Chris Lewis targeted for safety.

The Bears' special teams and kicking game must be overhauled. Prospective place-kicking candidates include Trey Weir and Ray Chilton, while Kyle Miller and Rhett Delaney should contend for the punting duties.

TEXAS TECH

The loss of 25 seniors to graduation is the biggest obstacle Spike Dykes and the Red Raiders must face as they try to continue the late-season momentum that saw them win five of their last six games to finish with a 6-5 record. Building adequate depth at several positions to go along with a large group of talented starters and replacing the best kicking game in Tech's history are of paramount importance if the Red Raiders are to challenge for the first Cotton Bowl bid in their 33-year SWC existence.

Robert Hall was one of the main factors in Tech's late-season charge. He took over the starting quarterback job at midseason and finished second only to Houston's David Klingler among SWC players in total offense. Another plus for the Raiders will be an offensive line that has lost only one starter in each of the past two seasons. Mainstays in the line include seniors Charlie Biggurs and Stan Labaj and juniors Brad Elam and Stacey Petrich.

Joining Hall in the backfield likely will be Byron Morris, a sophomore who moved from fullback to I-back last season and led the Red Raiders with 514 yards rushing. Jamie Gibbs and Andre Session should challenge for playing time at I-back, while the fullback is expected to be Bruce Hill, junior college transfer Larry Starr, or Byron Myles. Lloyd Hill, who caught a team-high 33 passes for 641 yards a year ago, could be the type of game-breaking receiver Tech will need for a first-division finish. Tight end Don Hasley and junior college transfer Derrell Mitchell also will be frequent pass targets in the Red Raiders' wide-open offense. Regardless of who will man some positions, it's obvious they will score plenty of points again this fall. The Red Raiders have averaged 28 or 29 points per game in each of Dykes's first five seasons at Tech.

On defense, the Red Raiders hope to continue to show improvement with the return of eight starters in a 3-4 alignment that was introduced a year ago. Decorated free safety Tracy Saul, who already has tied the SWC record of 20 career interceptions, is the most heralded name in a secondary that also includes

Robert Hall
Texas Tech

cornerbacks Anthony Wiley and Donny Brooks. Junior defensive end Shawn Jackson, a transfer from Temple University, made big strides in the last seven games last season with four sacks, two pass deflections, two fumble recoveries, and 14 quarterback pressures. Harry Dyas returns at the other end spot and Steve Hoffman is the projected start-

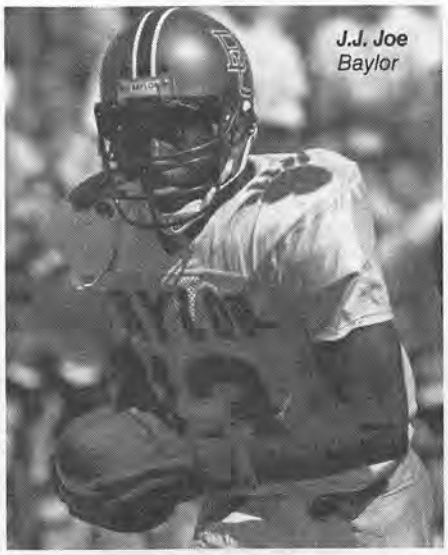
er at nose tackle. Competition should be keen at linebacker, where freshman redshirt Shawn Banks and Temple transfer Derrick Johnson will contend with returning starters Mike Liscio and Ben Kirkpatrick for playing time. Quincy White and Leric Eaton are the top candidates to fill the inside position across from senior Steve Carr, who led the Red Raiders with 116 tackles last season.

The kicking game is questionable with the graduation of unanimous All-America punter Mark Bounds and place-kicker Lin Elliott. Robert King, a Texas-El Paso transfer, and sophomore Jon Davis have the inside track toward taking over the punting and kicking duties, respectively. Saul once again will be the main cog on special teams after leading the SWC in punt returns twice in three years.

HOUSTON

Cynics would argue that the Cougars' run-and-shoot offense was aimed straight at its own feet a year ago as Houston sputtered in lopsided nonconference losses to national powers Miami and Illinois. Poor performances in those games eliminated eventual first-round NFL draft pick David Klingler from the Heisman race and sent the Cougars on a downward spiral from which they never recovered.

Although Houston's offense showed occasional flashes of brilliance, it never matched the record-setting levels of previous seasons. Worse yet, the Cougars' defense caused frequent headaches for statisticians. The Cougars scored 91 points in their final two games against TCU and Texas Tech and lost them

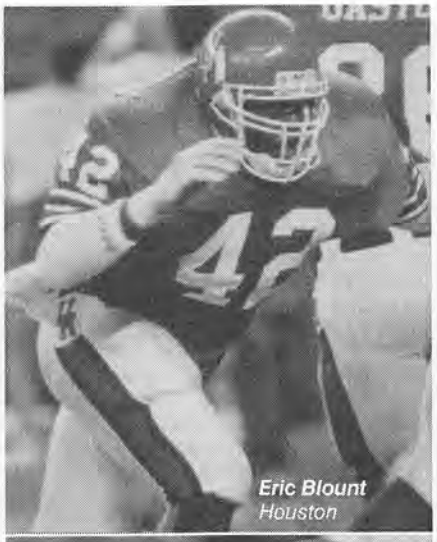

J.J. Joe
Baylor

both to finish with a 4-7 record. This could be a pivotal season for John Jenkins, whose team must play games against five teams which received bowl bids a year ago.

Finding good receivers hasn't much of a problem in recent years at Houston. But for the first time in a while, finding someone to throw them the ball may be. Donald Douglas is the leading candidate to take over at quarterback, a position at which he'll be measured against Klingler and 1989 Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware. Freddie Gilbert, who led the nation with 106 receptions last fall, is the headliner among a group of pass targets that includes Keith Jack, Ron Peters, Tracy Good, Sherman Smith, and junior-college signees Donald Moffett and Jason McDonald. An experienced offensive line anchored by Kevin Bleier, Darrell Clapp, John Morris, Jeff Tait, Brad Whigham, and Jason Youngblood should give Douglas enough time to throw or hand off to superback candidates TiAndre Sanders and Tommy Guy. Juco signees Lamar Smith and Percy Gault add depth.

Plenty of room for improvement exists on a defensive unit which returns veteran linebackers Eric Blount, Ryan McCoy, Nigel Ventress, and Tyler Mucho. Blount, a three-year starter, is on a pace to become only the second player in school history to make 400 or more career tackles. Junior college transfer Stewart Carpenter is projected as the Cougars' starting strong safety in a secondary that also returns spot starters John Brown and Steve Harris at cornerback and Kevin Batiste at free safety. The line could be cause for concern if help cannot be found to go with Sam Faaita, Linton Weatherspoon, and Stephen Dixon.

The graduation of all-time NCAA football scoring leader Roman Anderson and punter Charlie Langston leaves Houston with some big cleats to fill in the kicking department. Potential replacements include walk-ons Chris Maraviglia, Trace Craft, and Greg Thornburgh.


Eric Blount
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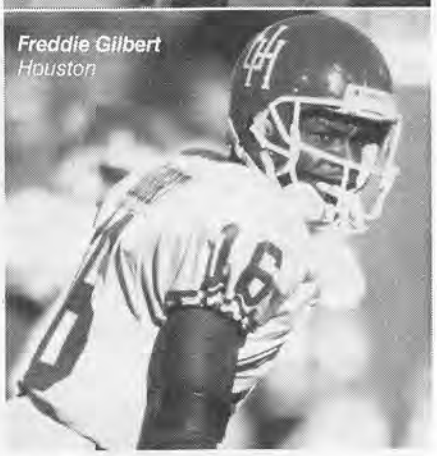
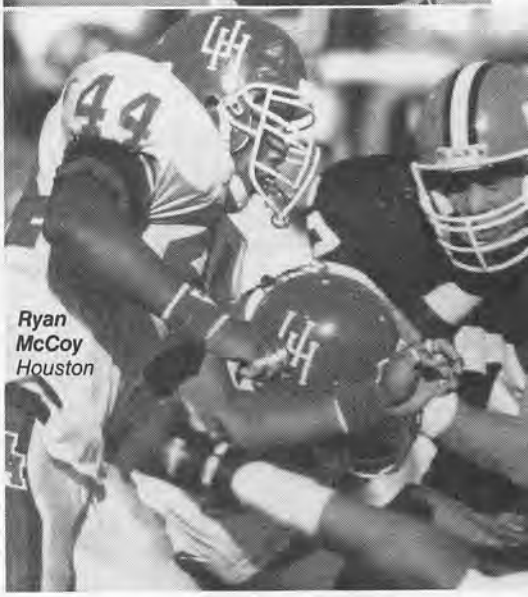

Freddie Gilbert
Houston

RICE

Optimism has reached an all-time high at Rice, where Fred Goldsmith believes his team finally may be able to make the grade on the football field in his fourth season as the Owls head coach. Rice finished 4-7 last fall during a rebuilding season that included an upset of nationally ranked and previously undefeated Baylor. The Owls are eagerly awaiting the possibility of the university's first winning season in football since 1963 with the return of 43 lettermen, including Heisman Trophy candidate Trevor Cobb at running back and nine starters on defense.

Cobb received the Doak Walker Award as the best running back in college football last season after gaining 1,692 yards and scoring 14 touchdowns as a result of his quick feet and peripheral vision. The 5-foot-9, 185-pound senior needs fewer than 1,500 yards to become the Southwest Conference's all-time rushing leader and should benefit from increased diversity in the Owls' multiple I-bone offense. Sophomore Jose LaRocca emerged

Rongea Hill
Southern Methodist


Ryan McCoy
Houston

as the Owls' starting quarterback during spring drills, but speedy UCLA transfer Bert Emanuel should contend for considerable playing time this fall.

Bobby Gray, another UCLA transfer, and Kolis Crier give the Owls depth and experience at tight end. Despite the loss of Rice all-time leading receiver Eric Henley to graduation, the Owls should have ample help in a receiving corps led by Louis Balady, Herschel Crowe, Ed Howard, Jimmy Lee, and Byron Coston. Tackle Billy Baldwin, guard Mike Appelbaum, and center Kenneth Pinkston should pave the way for another productive season by Cobb, but the other guard spot is a question mark and the other tackle position

likely will be filled by 265-pound redshirt freshman Chris Cooley.

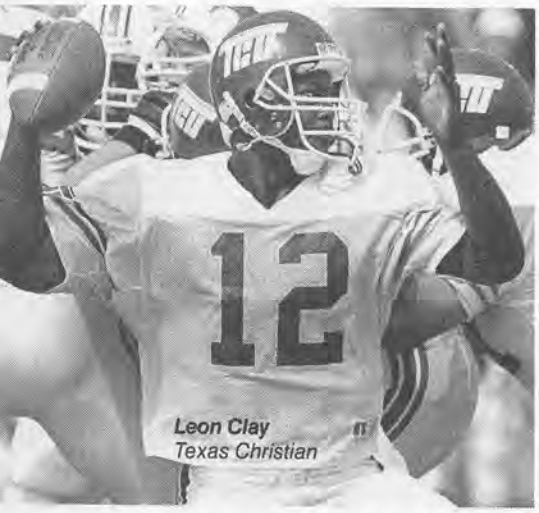
Much improvement is expected of a defensive unit that finished last in the SWC, allowing more than 500 yards total offense in two games. A lack of depth is a concern in a line that returns end Shawn Alberding, nose guard Matt Sign, and tackle Charles Gulbronson. Emmett Waldron could give Rice another all-SWC linebacker for the fourth consecutive year. Free safety Nathan Bennett and cornerbacks Clifford Jackson and Sean Washington will patrol a veteran secondary which gained valuable experience a year ago when it allowed 2,796 yards passing.

A potential challenge could be finding a replacement for sophomore place-kicker and punter Darrell Richardson, a pitcher who was expected to be taken in major league baseball's amateur draft. The Owls' special teams also will be trying to improve on return yardage after failing to return a punt or a kickoff for a touchdown last season.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

A new era is dawning at TCU, where Pat Sullivan is the new head coach of a team which finished 7-4 a year ago. Sullivan spent considerable time during spring drills evaluating the Horned Frogs' 17 returning starters and 50 returning lettermen and installing new philosophies on offense and defense.

Finding a starting quarterback will remain one of the Frogs' top priorities this fall. Leon Clay was limited to non-contact work in the spring while recovering from a serious leg injury and promising sophomore Tim Schade transferred to Minnesota to be reunited with



Leon Clay
Texas Christian

his uncle, former TCU coach Jim Wacker. As spring drills ended, Clay found himself in a muddled picture that also included redshirt freshman Scott MeLeod, freshman walk-on Mike Farris, and Darren Schultz as candidates to run a new multiple offense which will include more two-back sets and a greater diversity of running plays.

Stephen Shipley, Richard Woodley, and Kyle McPherson provide TCU with a solid group of receivers. They have combined for 25 touchdown receptions. Running backs Curtis Modkina, Derrick Cullors, and Stu Dickens should find ample running room behind a line that boasts experienced performers in center Jody Morse, guard David Breedlove, and tackles Mike Black and Keith Wagner.

Much of the emphasis in Sullivan's first season will be placed on the Frogs' defense and special teams, both of which need improvement. Tunji Bolden should anchor one defensive end, but the other is up for grabs. Reggie Anderson returns at linebacker after making a team-high 110 tackles in '91 and will be joined by Brad Smith and promising sophomore Mike Moulton. Nose tackle Thomas Lewis, tackle Royal West, and defensive backs Anthony Hickman, Tony Rand, and Greg Evans all were listed as starters last season, giving Sullivan much needed depth and experience in areas of concern.

Improved consistency is of vital importance in the kicking game. Jeff Wilkinson converted just 10 of 22 field-goal attempts and Trey Becan punted for only a 33-yard net average last season. Developing return specialists to take advantage of the Frogs' overall team speed will be a project TCU will continue this fall.

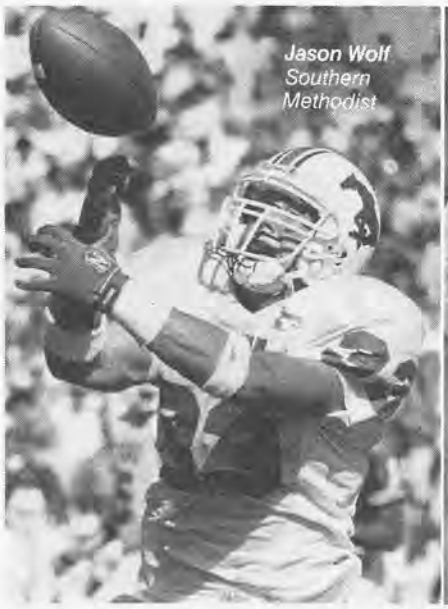
SOUTHERN METHODIST

There are signs that growing pains are nearing an end at SMU, which will have four full classes on its roster for the first time since 1986. The Mustangs are projected to have 34 seniors this fall, compared with only seven a year ago when the team finished with a 1-10 record under first-year coach Tom Rossley. Increased maturity and depth should be important factors for SMU as it searches for the keys to free itself from the conference cellar.

A serious knee injury last season clouded the playing future of Mike Romo and left the quarterback position up for grabs among Dan Freiburger, Todd Ritz, and Calvin Burdick. Finding a capable passing quarterback is paramount for a Mustang team which utilizes the run-and-shoot and possesses such capable targets as Jason Wolf, Mick Rossley, and Korey Beard, each of whom had more than 40 receptions in '91. Rongea Hill rushed for 663 yards and six touchdowns—the only running back on the roster who rushed for a touchdown last season. Defensive linemen Travis Atwood, Darren Harrington, and Uzo Okeke have been shifted to offense in hopes of making the Mustangs' front line more aggressive. Three-year starters Kyle Carroll and Matt Wisenbaker return at tackle and center, respectively, to give SMU some much-needed experience in a critical area.

On defense, the Mustangs return three of the four most prolific tacklers in the SWC. Problem is, SMU had a chance to make more tackles because of the large number of plays the opposition ran last fall. Inside linebackers Bill Kiely and Jason Bednarz and free safety Cary Brabham are the stalwarts of a unit that has improved steadily over the past three years by lowering its average yield from 530 to 381 yards per game. Brabham will be joined in the secondary by strong safety Michael Artmore and cornerback Marcello Simmons. Juniors Chad Patton and Byron Bonds are mainstays in a line which must become stronger and quicker if the Mustangs are to continue their upswing on defense.

SMU's erratic special-teams play should improve with the return of place-kicker Russell Anderson and added consistency from punters Ryan Lawson and Marc Lewis.



Jason Wolf
Southern Methodist

southland conference

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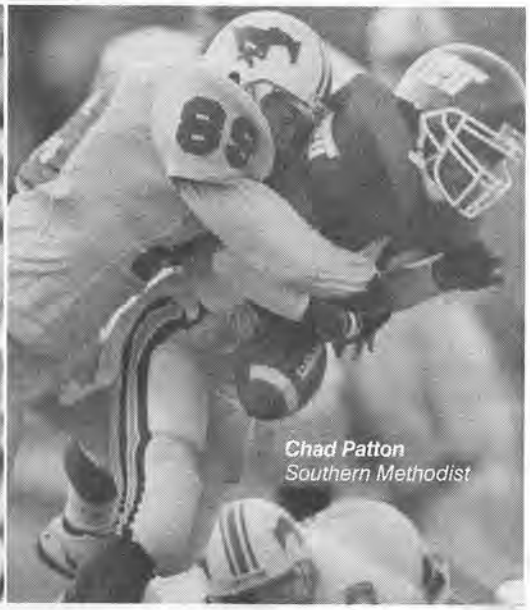
southland conference

1. Northeast Louisiana, 2. McNeese State, 3. Southwest Texas State, 4. Nicholls State, 5. North Texas, 6. Sam Houston State, 7. Stephen F. Austin, 8. Northwestern State

Another interesting race should develop in the Southland Conference, where McNeese State and Northeast Louisiana appear to be the top contenders for Division I-AA playoff berths. McNeese State returns all but two starters from its league co-championship team of a year ago, but Northeast Louisiana and Sam Houston State also have postseason aspirations after becoming mainstays in the national rankings last fall.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

The Indians have found themselves in the national rankings for most of the last two seasons under coach Dave Roberts. Another banner year could be in the offing with the return of 30 seniors from a 7-3-1 team. There is quality as well as quantity on hand as seven of the Indi-

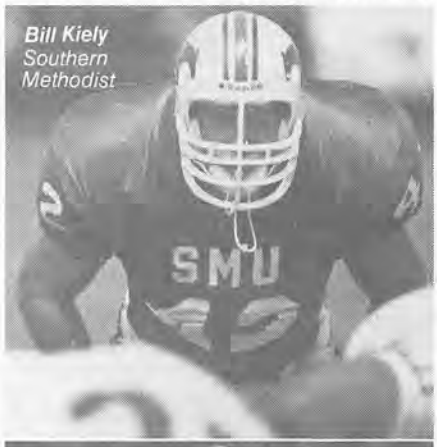


Chad Patton
Southern Methodist

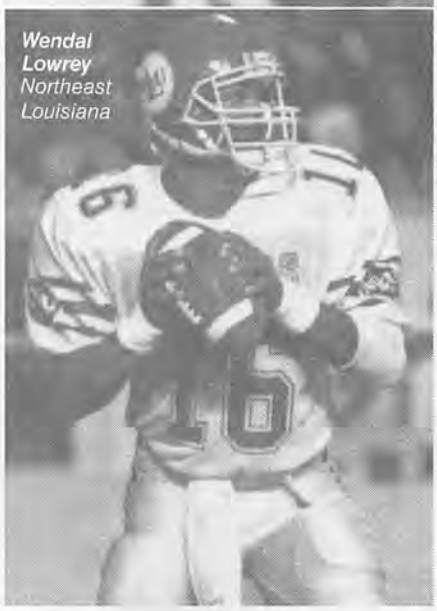
ans' returning starters were first- or second-team all-Southland selections a year ago.

Three players were caught up in the numbers game last season as quarterback Wendal Lowrey led the Southland with 1,309 yards passing, running back Roosevelt Potts led the conference with 1,103 yards rushing, and wide receiver Vince Brisby led SLC players with 699 yards in receptions. Greg Robinson rushed for nine touchdowns in a reserve role and will join such players as junior college transfer John Barbee and fullback Duke Doctor to give the Indians another potent offense.

Linebacker Bennie Bazley and free safety Curtis Harrison are among the most heralded



Bill Kiely
Southern Methodist


Wendal Lowrey
Northeast Louisiana

names on a veteran unit that ranked among the nation's top 20 in pass defense, scoring defense, and total defense. The Indians may start the season with a 4-3 formation to benefit from the play of linemen John Phillips, John Brown, and Steve Freeman. Converted running back Baron Bradley, Dedrick Jones, and Wallace Toomer give the Indians experience at linebacker, while Dale Branch and Chris Hickman are the only holdovers in an inexperienced secondary.

McNEESE STATE

Most of the key players who led the Cowboys to a 6-4-2 record and a Southland Conference championship are back for another roundup as 10 starters return on each side of the football under Bobby Keasler. Another banner year is expected from a team which hopes to move past the first round of the I-AA playoffs and win its second national title in six seasons.

Eric Acheson made an impressive debut for a freshman by passing for 1,096 yards a year ago. He will be joined in the Cowboys' backfield by tailbacks Chris Fontenette and Eric Foster. All-SLC guard Blayne Rush, tackle Steve Aultman, and center Sam Breaux should provide ample time for Acheson to get the ball to such gifted receivers as Adam Henry and Marcus Bowie. Fullback Matt Daigle is being shifted to tight end.

Linebacker Terry Irving earned first-team All-America honors as a sophomore by making a team-high 132 tackles. Added help on defense will come from ends Dana Scott and Ken Naquin, tackle Eric Kidd, and backs Ronald Solomon, Ronald Alexander, Brian Brumfield, Lance Guidry, and Lamar Thomas. Pat Neck also returns after averaging almost 41 yards per punt as a sophomore.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

Continuing the momentum created by back-to-back winning seasons is the top priority for Jim Bob Helduser, who moved from the defensive coordinator's post to the head coaching job last December. The Bobcats' 7-4 record a year ago was the team's best since moving to the Division I-AA level in 1984. Further improvement will depend on the emergence of a quality quarterback from a list of candidates that includes sophomore John Hygh, redshirt freshman James Rogers, Phillip Gossett, and junior college transfer Tony Taylor. The offense appears to be in good shape with the presence of such veterans as running backs Danny Faust and Scott Smith, linemen Dan Raasch, Brad Hamilton, Ricky Pereda, and Charlie Nelson, and receivers Scott Moore and Anthony Wood.

A tradition was established a year ago when the Bobcats finished 12th in the nation in total defense. Linemen Victor Carr, Chet Hanks, Billie Powell, and Michael Thompson return with linebackers Danny Davis and Jeff Milward to compose a nucleus of another potentially outstanding unit. Craig Hemphill, George Brown, Brian McCray, and Delwin Manning are stalwarts in the secondary. Return specialist Maurice Williams may provide the spark the Bobcats need to challenge for another winning season.

NICHOLLS STATE

A failure to mount a consistent passing game prevented the Colonels from passing muster in their first Southland season as they finished 2-5 in the conference and 4-7 overall. Nicholls State ranked last in the SLC in passing offense, a problem which may be compounded by the loss of three top receivers to graduation or injury. Stopping the run and getting more mileage from a spotty kicking game are other priorities for coach Phil Greco.

Running backs Jarvis Lillie and Clyde Washington and fullbacks Mark Thomas and Legantry Chaney once again should provide the Colonels with a respectable ground game. Joey Primus returns at quarterback after passing for 818 yards in 1991. Jared Austin, Brian Head, and Royce Nelson add experience to a line that will be bolstered by newcomers Mike Blanchard, Eric Chuter, and Allen Rudolph. A lack of depth in the receiving corps, however, remains a concern.

As a freshman last season, defensive back Darryl Pounds led the SLC with eight interceptions. His presence in a secondary that also includes Kevin George and Taras Hughes gives the Colonels a solid foundation in a critical area. Michael Morris has moved from defensive end to inside linebacker, where he will join Demetrius Crawford and Mark Vice. Such players as Kyle Acosta, Jason Ledet, Perry Rodrigue, and Henry Jones hope to provide the necessary skill and leadership to solidify the Colonels' defense against the run. The kicking game should be a plus with the return of Skip Shelton and punter Brian Knowles.

NORTH TEXAS

The second stage of a rebuilding process is about to unfold for the Eagles, who finished 3-7-1 in their first year under Dennis Parker. Emphasis on an offseason weight program could pay heavy dividends for a team which has switched to a 3-4 alignment to compensate for a lack of veteran linemen and linebackers. In fact, the Eagles are projected to have only 15 seniors on their squad this season.

Benny Valentine, a transfer from Tulane who played three years at quarterback in high school under Parker, should emerge as the leader of an offensive unit that boasts the presence of junior college transfers Jesse Palacios, Mike Kale, Greg Hirsch, Mike Bard, and Troy Evans in a beefed-up line. The back-

Tomur Barnes
Sam Houston State

field also should benefit from the presence of newcomers Joe Sampson and Terrance Brown. Sam Houston State transfer Scott Ford tops a long list of quality receivers.

Redshirt freshman Billy Roessler has been moved to defense to bolster a sagging line that also includes Noel Crum, Delon Greene, David Burns, and Russell McMillan. The Eagles recruited Dart Forst, Travis Morin, and

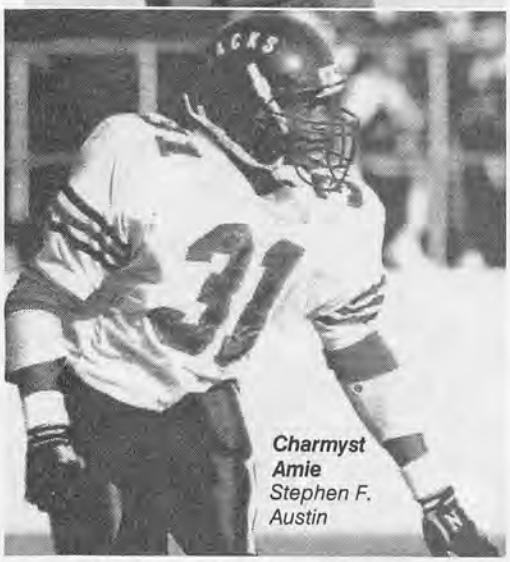
Lee Roberson from three different junior colleges in Kansas to fortify the linebacking. Wayne Walker, Greg Matthews, and Tomur Barnes are leaders in the secondary.

SAM HOUSTON STATE

A tenacious defense was the Bearkats' hallmark a year ago as they forged an 8-3-1 record and a Division I-AA playoff berth for the first time since 1986. Although its defense enabled Sam Houston State to stay close enough to claim four come-from-behind victories, similar success is unlikely unless newcomers quickly blend with three returning starters under coach Ron Randleman.

Size and strength in the offensive line are expected to be critical for the Bearkats' hopes of repeating as Southland Conference co-champs. Center Paul Cline, tackles Kevin Johnson, Jimmy Armstrong, and Donald Henson, and guards Murrah Mayberry and Sedric Malone all tip the scales above 260 pounds. Ashley Van Meter returns at quarterback, with backup quarterback Danny Thomas having

John Hygh
Southwest Texas State



Charmyst Amie
Stephen F. Austin

been moved to wide receiver. The running game will be sparked by Charles Oliver and Charles Harris.

Free safety Kevin Riley, cornerback Jarvis Mayes, and linebacker Darryl Harrison are the only returning starters on a defense that set a school record by yielding an average of just 13.2 points per game. Added help will come from end Greenwood Horn, tackles Kennedy Mitchell and Ray Malone, linebackers Jack Webb and Anthony Miller, and backs Mitchell Moore, Alvin Haynes, and Monty White.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

Hard times have plagued the Lumberjacks since they advanced to the 1989 I-AA championship game. Although last season's 2-8-1 record doubled the university's victory output from the year before, considerable progress is expected this fall under new coach John Pearce despite the fact that only 16 seniors were listed on the team's spring roster.

Developing overall team depth and re-establishing excellence on offense are top priorities for a team that scored only 40 points in its last five games a year ago. Pearce has installed the same offensive system that is used by the San Francisco 49ers, an attack which will be built around quarterback Mike Goddard, running backs Wade Booker and Dedric Morrison, tight end Michael Bratsch, fullback Reno Moore, and receivers Shawn York and Anthony Jones. Right tackle David Hemphill and center Scott Griggs are projected starters in a revamped offensive line.

Free safety Charmyst Amie and cornerbacks Cedric Walker and Terrance Shaw give the Lumberjacks experience in the secondary, but potential problems loom at linebacker and in the line. Michael Everhart is the team's only linebacker with experience and senior tackle Carlos Galvan is the lone returning starter up front. Leo Araguz should give the Lumberjacks another strong season after averaging 42 yards per punt and dropping 21 inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

NORTHWESTERN STATE

The Mardi Gras holidays delayed the start of spring drills by almost two weeks for the Demons, but only time will tell if Northwestern State will have reason to celebrate the return of 12 starters from the team that finished 6-5 under Sam Goodwin. How much improvement

Tim Fields
Stephen F. Austin

the Demons make will depend largely on whether they are able to reduce a school-record 43 turnovers they lost a year ago and how fast the players readjust to a standard pro-I attack on offense.

Competition between sophomore quarterback candidates Chris Gilliam and Brad Laird will continue this fall. Marcus Spears could prove to be the Demons' best offensive lineman in more than a decade. Tight end Carlos Treadway should increase his receptions this season while enhancing his reputation as a quality blocker in a run-oriented offense.

Senior cornerback Adrian Hardy is the top name in a talented secondary that will try to compensate for the loss of consensus All-America linebacker Andre Carron. Linebacker Ed Moses already has made 214 tackles in his first two seasons for the Demons. Jeff Powell and Jason Fernandez should contend for the place-kicking duties, while sophomore Shane Stephens handles the punting.

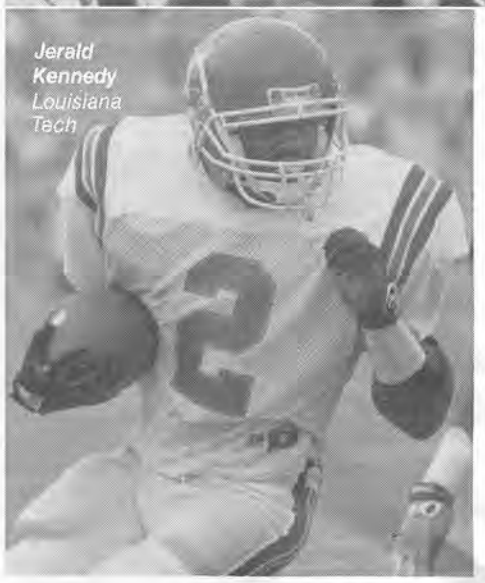
independents

Arkansas State rejoins the Division I-A level as an independent this fall in Ray Perkins's first season as the Indians head coach. Louisiana Tech, another Southwest independent, hopes to improve on last year's 8-1-2 record.

ARKANSAS STATE

Buying a program will be a necessity at Indians games this fall now that Arkansas State will be celebrating a return to Division I-A status with a new head coach in Ray Perkins and a wealth of new talent. Perkins, whose coaching résumé includes stops with the New York Giants and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the NFL and the University of Alabama, will be trying to revive a program that slumped to a 1-

Jason Davis
Louisiana Tech

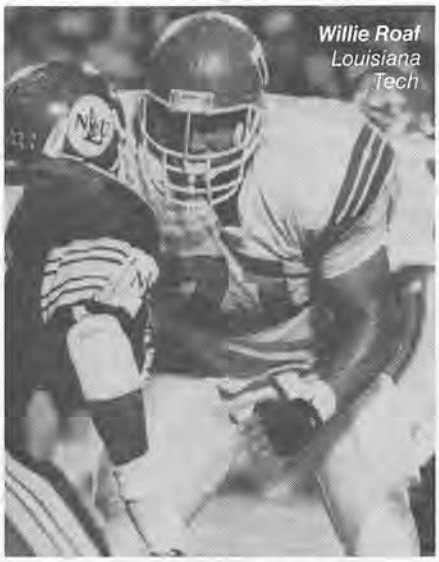


Jerald Kennedy
Louisiana Tech

10 record that resulted in the university's worst mark in 50 years.

In hopes of regaining the level they attained in the 1980s, when they reached the quarterfinals of the Division I-AA playoffs four consecutive years, the Indians will rely on a multiple-set offense. All six of Arkansas State's top receivers return, including Kendricke Bullard and Blake Denison. Tom Sears and Scott Brown, a pair of unproven juniors, should contend for the starting quarterback job. Jerrold Seymore and Stacy Crockett are holdovers in a backfield that will run behind blocks from a line anchored by 260-pounders Eric Tate, Lee Hunt, and Richard Smith.

A large rebuilding task looms on defense for a unit that was trampled for 361 points last season. A shift to a four-man front should enable the Indians to showcase the abilities of


Willie Roaf
Louisiana Tech

ends Kenny Ingram and Brian Allen and newcomers Lorenzo Parker and Mike McDonald. Veteran strong safety Elshon Richmond and cornerbacks Kenny Simmons and Roy Collier are the top names in a reshuffled secondary.

LOUISIANA TECH

Few Division I-A teams are likely to play a more rugged road schedule than Louisiana Tech this fall. Baylor, Alabama, Southern Mississippi, and South Carolina are among the seven teams the Bulldogs must play away from home, a possible detriment to Tech's hopes of improving on last year's 8-1-2 record under Joe Raymond Peace.

How much progress the Bulldogs make could depend heavily on the play of quarterback Sam Hughes, who completed 66 percent of his pass attempts last fall in a reserve role. Hughes will be joined by eight returning starters on offense, including running backs Jason Davis and Jason Cooper and receivers Paul Bland and Jerald Kennedy. Davis was fourth in the nation last season, averaging 135 yards rushing per game. Willie Roaf, a 290-pound senior tackle, is the biggest name in the Bulldogs' line.

Several questions must be answered by a defensive unit that returns Myron Baker at linebacker and Carey Broudy and Doug Evans in the secondary. Steve Wilson, Shannon Cornelius, Artie Smith and Kavin Crawford are projected starters in the front line. Chris Bonlol once again will handle the place-kicking.

southwestern athletic conference

predictions

southwestern athletic conference

1. Alabama State, 2. Texas Southern, 3. Grambling, 4. Alcorn State, 5. Southern, 6. Mississippi Valley, 7. Jackson State, 8. Prairie View A&M

Unbeaten Alabama State's rise to championship stature and the unexpected plummets by perennial powers Grambling and Jackson State gave the Southwestern Athletic Conference an upside-down look last year. And more surprises could be in store this season.

Texas Southern, which put the only blemish on Alabama State's ledger in 1991 when the two teams battled to a 14-14 standoff, is a threat to challenge the Hornets for the top spot. The Hornets' offense features an All-America candidate in tailback Rico White, while the Jaguars list two all-star hopefuls in tailback Kerry Henderson and defensive end Michael Strahan. Grambling has a pair of headline performers in place-kicker Gilad Landau and fullback Eric Gant. Alcorn promises to be one of the league's highest scoring teams with quarterback Steve "Air II" McNair, the first freshman to reap SWAC Offensive Player of the Year honors last season.

Other notable SWAC players: defensive back Terry Arnold of Jackson State, punter Kendell Mabry of Southern, and running back Kenny Johnson of Mississippi Valley.

The two games that should have a bearing in deciding the SWAC champion both involve Alabama State. The Hornets face Texas Southern in Mobile, AL, on October 17 and travel to Grambling on November 7.

ALABAMA STATE

(11-0-1) Duplicating last season's dominating performance will be a tough act for the Hornets to follow in 1992. Coach Houston Markham's team, No. 5 in the final I-AA poll, captured the school's first-SWAC title, posting its first unbeaten season since 1909. The Hornets scored a school-record 41.2 points per game and their 19-game winning streak is the longest in ASU annals. The only blemish on their record was a 14-14 tie with league rival Texas Southern.

Quarterback Ricky Jones, who threw for 2,042 yards and 19 TDs, and Reggie Brown (37 catches for 583 yards) will be missed. Andre Morgan, Brantley Williams, and Dyas Tucker will toss their helmets into the quarterback ring. Flanker Horace Brooks ranks fifth on the school's career chart with 1,470 receiving yards, and 16 of his 64 catches have gone for touchdowns. Tailback Rico White rushed for 703 yards, averaging 5.8 yards per carry, while Paul Ashby added 711 yards on the ground and led Division I-AA in kickoff returns, averaging 30.5 yards.

Defensively, the Hornets are loaded in linebacking talent despite the loss of All-America Eddie Robinson. Inside backer Jerich Green, who led the team in tackles, will shore up the unit with Kevin Fields and Darren Hardy, who missed last season with a leg injury. Cornerback Latrod Garner returns after tying the school's single-season interception record, with eight. Tackles Noey Naylor and Tyrone Stewart are strong links in the line.

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TEXAS SOUTHERN

(5-5-1) "Stepping to the Competition" will be the theme in 1992 as the Tigers attempt to climb over the .500 mark. Heading the list of 14 returning regulars is all-SWAC Kerry Henderson, who rushed for 1,000 yards as a junior, only the fourth back in school history to reach that mark. Senior quarterback Stacy Moore threw for 624 yards and was the team's second-leading rusher (537 yards). Joe Rogers is the primary target. He also averaged over 20 yards per punt and kickoff return. Up front are Joe Burch, Greg Parks, Kenvatta Canady, and Anthony Burleson.

Eddie Robinson Grambling

All-conference end Michael Strahan led the SWAC with a school-record 14½ sacks. Other standouts on the defensive line include Kelvin Johnson, Jessie Ulmer, and Eddie Smith. Keith Patterson, with a team-high 86 stops, is the best of the linebackers, which also includes Derrick Scott, Horace Williams, Rodney Green, and Eric Ellison. Depth in the secondary will be provided by Chris Daggs, Donald Randle, Cedric Maxwell, Reginald Stubblefield, and Hermie Thomas.

GRAMBLING

(5-6) Eddie Robinson pulls no punches as he enters his 52nd season with the Tigers. "Winning is not a sometime thing—it's an all-time thing. There is no room for second and third place." Last year's roller-coaster ride marked only the fifth losing season for the G-Men in Robinson's long tenure, and the sixth-place SWAC finish was the lowest for the Tigers since 1959.

Robinson will reload with an arsenal that includes 14 starters. Heading the list is All-America fullback Eric Gant, who became the school's all-time leading sophomore rusher last year with 1,111 yards on 194 carries. Eric Bryant and Alex Perkins will battle for the starting quarterback. It is hoped senior Dexter Butcher will take some of the running load off Gant. Split end Stevie Anderson carries big-play credentials. Tackle Herman Arvie will provide leadership in the line. He missed most of last season with a knee injury after making the all-SWAC team the previous year. Centers Craigory Sam and E'Vinski Davis add experience, as do veteran guards Billy Norman and Bobby Wilcox.

Two-time all-league tackle Robert Pinckney will be missed in the defensive line, but ends Andrew Lynn Hart and Keith Marks and tackle Keith Jones will help fill the void. Marks led the team in sacks. Linebacker Ronald Perry had a team-high 75 tackles. Outside backers Kerry Brown, John Shepheard, and Lionel Cryer also are seasoned. Three starters return in the secondary: Shane Oubre, who led the team with four interceptions, and corners Julius Irving and Michael Ginyard.

Sophomore place-kicker Gilad Landau booted game-winning field goals against Tennessee State and Texas Southern. Return specialist Larry Dykes averaged 21.2 yards on 24 kickoff returns and a whopping 34 yards on three punt runbacks.

ALCORN STATE

(7-2-1) After finishing second in the SWAC and beating archrival Jackson State in the season finale, the Braves are focusing their sights on a championship in 1992. And if sophomore quarterback Steve "Air II" McNair lives up to expectations, coach Cardell Jones's team has an excellent shot at the title. McNair heads a list of 15 returning starters. The defensive unit stacks up as one of the best in I-AA.

Coming off a spectacular freshman season, McNair, the SWAC Offensive Player of the Year, threw for 2,895 yards and 24 touchdowns and ran for a team-leading six TDs. Tailback Harry Brown is a two-way threat after rushing for a team-best 407 yards and hauling in 24 passes for 341 yards and four TDs. Other receivers include Fernando "Fly" Evans, tight end Tracy Cook, and Aaron Thompson. Center William Logan returns to anchor the line that also features Michael Ellis and Justin Smith. A pair of mammoth freshmen, Kevin Hayes (6-5, 410) and Atrum Mills (6-4, 310), will throw their weight around.

Tackles Orrease May and Tracy Wiggins are the leaders on the defensive unit. Dennis Stevenson heads the linebacking corps. Eric Ward and Napoleon Williams (six interceptions) return in the secondary.

Earnest Fann, who suffered a season-ending injury in the opening game, returns healthy and is being billed as an all-SWAC punter.

SOUTHERN

(4-7) Southern fans are hoping last year's season-ending 31-30 victory over Grambling in the nationally televised Bayou Classic will carry over into the 1992 campaign as the Jaguars attempt to regroup following successive 4-7 finishes. Marino Casem, who has replaced Gerald Kimble as head coach, has starters returning from the team that lost four games by a touchdown or less.

The starting quarterback job is up for grabs among Charles Wright, Handy Campbell, and Derrick Richards. Lindsay Scott, who rushed for 491 yards a sophomore, will spark the ground game. Keith Woods had 29 grabs for 420 yards and five TDs.

Seasoned hands on the defensive unit include end Charles Johnson, linebacker Jimmy Conners, and backs Matthew Dorsett, Vincent DeRouen, and Jerry Wilson Jr. Wilson had 68 tackles and four interceptions.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

(7-3-1) With nine starters gone off the offensive unit, the Delta Devils will be hard pressed to duplicate last season's 6-0 start. But coach Larry Dorsey takes a positive approach. "Our goal is to be competitive and exceed what we accomplished last year," he said.

Tackle James Butler and running back Kenny Johnson are the only returning offensive regulars. Sophomore Cliff Robinson, who saw action in four games last season, has the inside track at quarterback. Damon Prince and Victor Cullen head the receiving corps and Tyrone Foote joins Johnson in the backfield. Supporting Butler in the line will be Ellis Brown, Brain Champion, Darien Anderson, John Collins, and Keith Ward.

Davie Carpenter and Eric Alexander are two of the better defensive linemen in the SWAC. Alonzo Brown and Kevin Lovett are proven linebackers. Johnny Allen and Kelvin Williams return in the secondary. "We'll have a more disciplined look on defense, plus we will be quicker and meaner," vowed Dorsey.

JACKSON STATE

(5-5) W.C. Gorden has stepped down as the Tigers head coach following a highly successful 15-year tenure to become the school's athletic director. Long-time defensive coordinator and assistant coach James Carson has inherited the head job. He has a dozen returning starters from the team that finished fifth in the SWAC, a sharp decline for the Tigers, who won a record 28 consecutive league games (1985-89) and captured eight conference titles during Gorden's reign.

All-SWAC Reginald Davidson and Lester Holmes are standouts in the offensive line. Joining them up front are Hollis George, Robert Williams, Antoine Moore, Elliot Brooks, and Donald Burrell. Ricky Jordan threw for 1,869 yards and 14 touchdowns, but versatile redshirt sophomore Bennie Tillman will push him. The return of James Johnson should give a boost to the running game. He had a team-high 908 yards as a freshman and he was the leading rusher through two games last year before sustaining a season-ending off-the-field injury. Carson is hoping Antonius Kimbrough can take up the receiving slack left by the departure of Jimmy Smith. Kimbrough caught the eyes of NFL scouts by running a 4.3 40 on pro timing day.

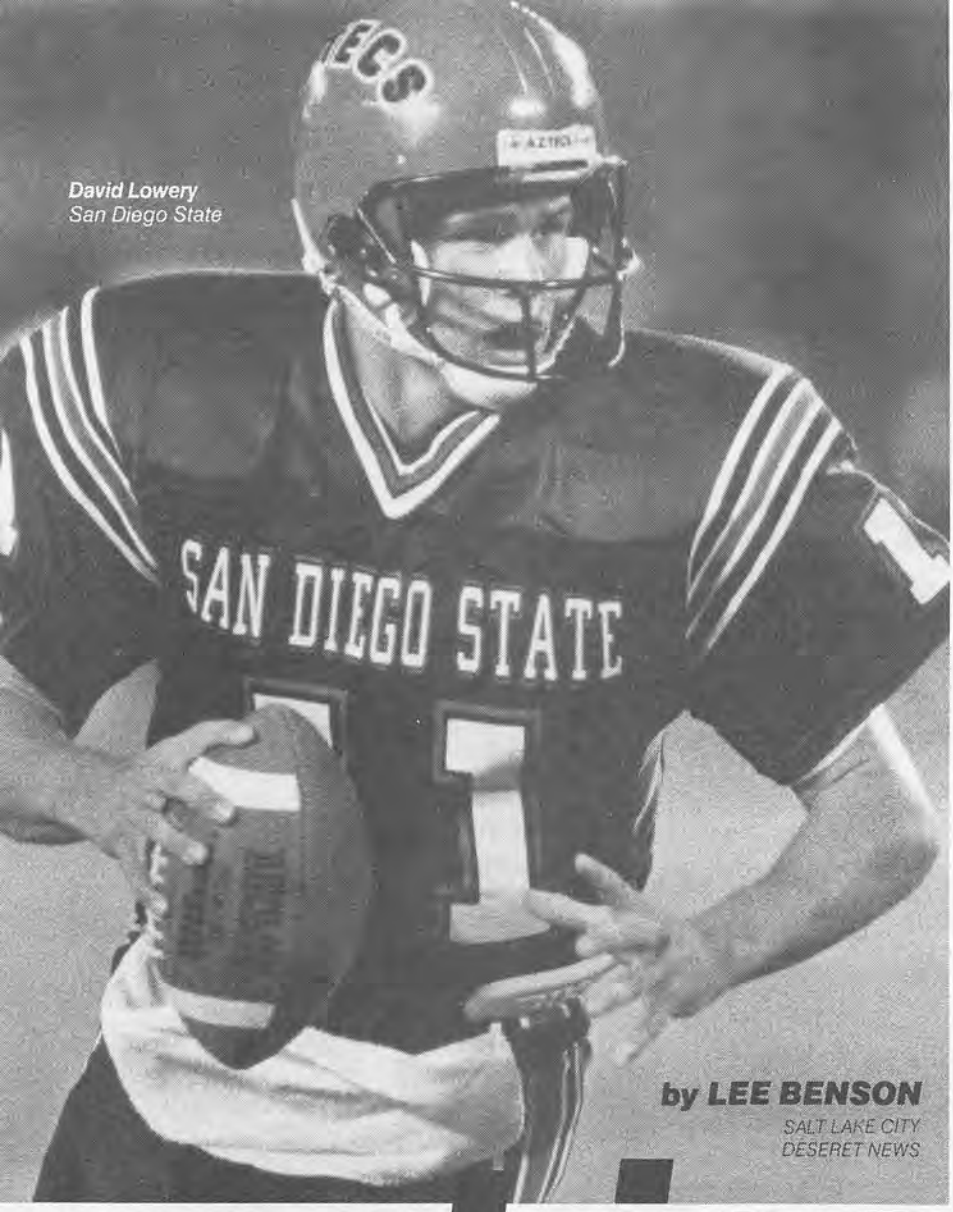
A lack of depth in the defensive line is a major concern. Richard Baker, Pheathur Edwards, David Hollie, James Townsend, and Lee Moten will be tested. Marlo Perry, who had 89 tackles, is one of the league's premier linebackers. Terry Arnold, first-team all-SWAC, had six interceptions.

PRAIRIE VIEW

(0-11) Football returned to the Prairie View campus in 1991 following a one-year absence, but the Panthers were not ready for the challenge as they limped through a winless season while being outscored by a whopping 617-48 margin. First-year coach Ron Beard survived, however, and his battered team is determined to make amends for the nightmarish showing.

Heading the 18 returning starters is Reginald "Bo" Gilliard, who caught 68 passes for 649 yards and three TDs. Danny Hull will direct the offense. Seasoned runners are available in Julius Whitby and Andre Riser. Wide receivers Jamal Myers and Shawn Narcisse along with tight end Kerrick Arrington will take some heat off Gilliard. Joseph Carter and Maurice McGowan are on the line.

John Whitby leads the defensive line and Alphonso Provo, Niles Dillard, and Tony Woods the linebackers. Dominique Artis, third in the SWAC in tackles, is in the secondary where Courtney Parham and Adrian Mosely play key roles. Punter Samuel Barner was second-team all-SWAC. □



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SAN DIEGO STATE

Not only is Marshall Faulk back, but so are 34 of the 46 Aztecs listed on the two-deep depth chart from last December's Freedom Bowl, where San Diego State made its first bowl appearance since 1986. Alongside their eight victories last year, the Aztecs lost four games and had one tie. But all the losses, as well as the tie, were against teams that finished the season with top 25 rankings. If they can survive this season's Southern Cal-BYU-UCLA start, they will no doubt be in top 25 territory themselves.

Faulk is far from the whole show. Despite the freshman's 1,429 rushing yards (the third-best single-season total in WAC history) and the team's 2,476 yards on the ground, the Aztecs still gained more yards through the air. Quarterback David Lowery, who returns for his junior year, directed a passing attack that gained 3,263 yards. For his part, Lowery ranked 19th in the nation in passing efficiency and 20th in total offense.

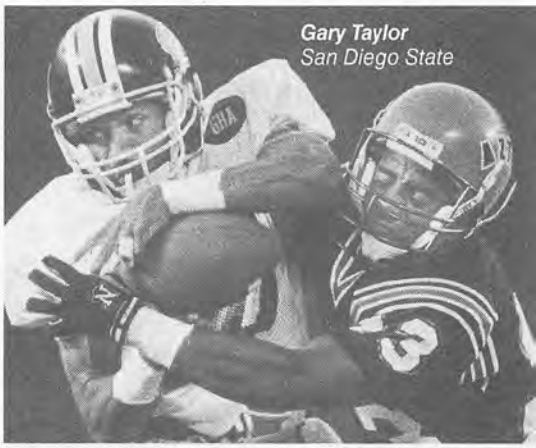
Not easily replaced by head coach Al Luginbill will be the Rowes (wide receiver Patrick and tight end Ray), but Larry Maxey returns as one starting receiver and redshirt freshman Ray Peterson, after a good spring, could move in as another. Next to Faulk, there's Wayne Pittman, another Aztec freshman in '91 whose totals would have been considered phenomenal if not for Faulk's shadow. Pittman gained 606 yards on 135 carries and replaced Faulk adequately in the three games (all victories) that Faulk didn't play. Also on offense, three-fifths of last season's starting line returns: guards Joe Heinz and Carlson Leomiti and tackle Tony Nichols.

Defensively, eight starters are back, not the least of which is all-WAC free safety Damon Pieri, No. 2 in the conference in tackles last year (143—95 of them unassisted). Pieri anchors a secondary that returns intact (Gary Taylor, Chris Johnson, and Eric Sutton), although the Aztec backfield has some redemption to do after allowing a league-high 3,643 yards through the air and 26 touchdowns, not to mention 452 yards per game in total offense. Terrill Steen, a 6-2, 215-pound junior, is the lone returning linebacker (the Aztecs' most inexperienced area) and the line is anchored by cousins George Glaze and Sebastian Glaze.

BRIGHAM YOUNG

The Cougars' string of three straight conference titles (and 14 of the last 18) is in jeopardy not only because San Diego State comes into the season with potentially the best double-threat offense since Arizona State defected to the Pac-10, but because Ty Detmer finally ran out of eligibility. In his three seasons as a full-time starter, Detmer led BYU to a record of 28-9-2 and a WAC mark of 21-2-1. In the process, he won the 1990 Heisman Trophy and became the first collegian to pass for more than 15,000 yards in his career.

Naturally, you'd expect a slight falloff when it comes time to replace such an institution,



Gary Taylor
San Diego State

and Detmer's heirs apparent, either sophomore John Walsh or redshirt sophomore Steve Clements, a transfer from Texas, don't figure to take over exactly where Detmer left off.

Clements and Walsh staged a spirited battle in the spring—with baseball pitcher Ryan Hancock and Steve Young's younger brother Tom Young thrown in to make it interesting—for the No. 1 quarterback spot at Pass U. Walsh emerged as the coaches' slight favorite while Clements gained a lot of support among the squad members.

No matter who starts, he will no doubt be handing off a lot, especially in the early going. BYU's top offensive returnee is running back Jamal Willis, a 6-3, 205-pound sophomore who rushed for 520 yards in a backup role in 1991 and caught 11 passes for 209 yards. Also, the Cougars' top new player is expected to be fullback Hema Heimuli, the younger

brother of former BYU all-WAC star Lakei Heimuli. It could very well be that when San Diego State and BYU meet in the second game of the season, on September 10—an unfortunate early pairing between the league's best teams—it will come down to a ground battle between Faulk/Pittman of San Diego State vs. Willis/Heimuli of BYU. Wide receiver Eric Drage led the Cougars with 46 receptions (for 1,018 yards and 10 touchdowns) and tight end Byron Rex added 38.

In all, the Cougars have 12 starters returning, six on either side of the ball. Senior weak safety Derwin Gray could turn himself into an All-America and early-round draft pick if he expands even more on his 127-tackle junior season. Soph tackle Randy Brock is back on the line with Greg Pitts and Lenny Gomes. Second-team all-WAC linebacker Shad Hansen led the Cougars in unassisted tackles, tackles for loss, and fumbles caused.

The schedule is no cakewalk, but is an improvement on the '91 campaign that required a Florida State-UCLA-Penn State start, all on the road. Besides the usual WAC opponents, the Cougars host UCLA and Penn State in Provo and travel to Notre Dame for the first-ever meeting between the two athletic-minded private schools.

UTAH

Just try to wipe the smile off Utah coach Ron McBride's face. He has seven defensive starters returning and that's only the so-so news. The great news is that no fewer than 11 starters are back on offense. You can't get more experienced than that. Throw in returning starters at both punter and place-kicker and the Utes could very well be the most incumbent team in the nation.

Having a lot of veteran starters may not be good news if past success has been hard to come by. But the Utes are coming off a 7-5 season that could have been better if it hadn't been filled with hard luck. Three-point losses to Air Force and San Diego State could very easily have gone the other way.

The heart and soul of the team is 5-foot-10, 175-pound wide receiver Bryan Rowley, a senior whose specialty is catching the uncatchable. Rowley enters his senior season as Utah's career leader with 2,303 reception yards and 19 touchdowns. Quarterback Frank Dolce stepped in as McBride's starter last season and, behind an improved line led by 287-pound tackle Mike DeHoog, jump-started an ailing Utah offense that managed to average 399.8 yards per game. Keith Williams ran for 1,076 yards, including a season-high 191 vs. New Mexico. The Utes only problem—and one that will have to addressed this season—is a failure to score many points. In '91 the Utes only averaged 23 points per game, while giving up an average of 23.1, and only exceeded 30 points on one occasion.

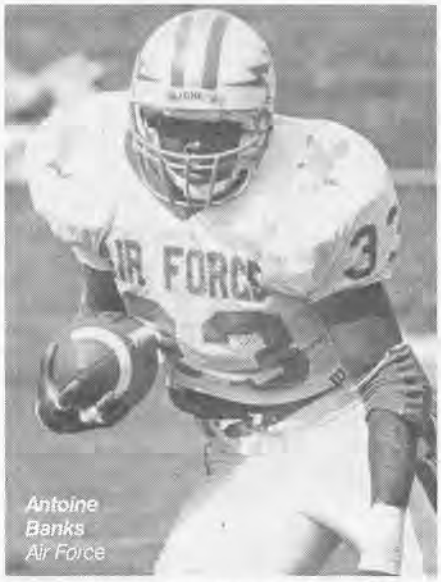
The defense must replace Anthony Davis, one of the best linebackers in Ute history, but a number of top defenders are back, including tackles Blaine Berger and Dave Chaytors and strong safety Sharrieff Shah, who had eight sacks as a sophomore in 1991 on the unit that led the league with 54.

The Utes are loaded with upperclassmen—12 of the returning starters are seniors—and are in position to challenge for their first WAC title, and second-ever, since tying Arizona for the championship in 1964.

AIR FORCE

Picked by Street & Smith's to upset BYU and win the WAC a year ago, the Air Force failed to claim a co-title with the Cougars by losing 32-34 at 3-9 New Mexico. Other than that close defeat— and a thorough 21-7 thrashing at the hands of BYU—Fisher DeBerry's Falcons were the college equivalent of John Wayne, pulling everything out just before the curtain came down. They beat Colorado State by five points, Utah by a field goal, San Diego State by a point, Hawaii by four points, and UTEP by seven. If the law of averages applies to football, the Falcons are looking at a lot of close losses in their future.

Still, this year's squad, which features 12 returning starters, comes off a 10-3 record in '91 that was the WAC's best overall mark and sent the Falcons to a bowl game (the Liberty Bowl, which they won, 38-15, over Mississippi State) for the third straight year and eighth time in the last 10 years. The team's undisputed leader is cornerback Carlton McDonald, the WAC Defensive Player of the Year, who had six interceptions, five tackles for loss, and seven pass deflections last season, as well as a game-saving last-second field-goal block (the fifth of his career) against Utah. Eldrick Hill and Alex Armour rejoin him in the secondary.Linebacker Vergil Simpson, too, is a returning all-WAC first-team selection. The other



Antoine Banks
Air Force

returning starters are linebacker Mark Moody and linemen Chris James, Tony Cates, and Matt Newby.

Jarvis Baker, a reliever for quarterback Rob Perez the last two seasons, will take over as the leader of Air Force's subtle yet often destructive wishbone offense. Last year's per-game rushing average of 338.1 yards ranked second in the nation. Peter Wilkie is back at tight end and Clarence Hopkins at wideout.

Gone is standout fullback Jason Jones, but halfbacks Obasi Onuoha and Wayne Young remain, as does Antoine Banks, perhaps the nation's most used backup last year (495 yards and a 6.6-yard average—second only to Faulk), and fullback Chris Gray. Onuoha, a versatile player, was tried at defensive back in the spring and performed well. Then, in the spring game, he played defensive back and running back and he ran back punts. He could come at teams both ways.

WYOMING

After a 4-6-1 record in coach Joe Tiller's initial year in 1991, Wyoming can realistically look at getting back to winning football with no fewer than 14 starters returning, two emergent quarterback hopefuls, two quality major-college defensive transfers, and three 1990 all-league caliber players back on the team after they sat out last season. The question is how quickly, and well, all of the above will jell. But for certain, Tiller has more personnel than he had a year ago, when he took over for the retiring Paul Roach.

Gone is quarterback Tom Corontzos, but two promising candidates to replace him emerged in spring drills. Redshirt sophomore John Gustin and junior college transfer Joe Hughes will take their battle for the starting job into fall workouts. Elsewhere, experience abounds. On offense, halfback Terrance Hendricks, the team's top rusher (815 yards) in 1991, is back, as is second-team all-WAC receiver Ryan Yarborough, tight end Matt Swenson, and linemen Cody Kelly, Joe Wahlgren, and Kirk Van Roekel. Junior linebacker Cory

Jamal Willis
Brigham Young

Lorenzo Neal
Fresno State

Talich, the team leader in tackles, and senior cornerback Paul Wallace, a starter in 33 of the 34 games he's suited up for in his Wyoming career, are the incumbent leaders on the defense, where Dorell Drake and Kurt Whitehead are back on the line.

Besides the returning starters from 1991, three impact players from 1990 are back wearing yellow and brown, including Dwight

Driver, a second-team all-WAC halfback before a knee injury forced him to sit out last season; defensive tackle Thomas Williams (6-4, 290), who also sat out last season for disciplinary reasons; and linebacker Jarod Thiele, who was forced out in '91 with a knee injury. Two Division I-A transfers emerged from spring drills as potential starters. Defensive end John Burrough, from Washington State, and linebacker Ryan Folsom, a transfer from SMU, could be impact players.

A schedule that includes four non-WAC opponents in the first five weeks—at Texas Tech and Louisville and home games against Nevada and San Jose State—should steel the Cowboys for conference play.

FRESNO STATE

Fresh from yet another Big West Conference championship and an appearance in their hometown Raisin Bowl, the Fresno State Bulldogs jump fences and join the WAC this season. Years of echoes from Fresno that the Bulldogs could hold their own, and then some, in the WAC will now be turned into definitive answers, one way or the other.

Head coach Jim Sweeney has quietly—by definition, anything that one does in the Big West Conference is done quietly—developed a rather phenomenal winning habit in Fresno. In 14 seasons, his Bulldogs are 115-43-2, including 10 straight winning records and a 39-7-1 mark the past four years. That ranks Sweeney (172 victories overall in a 27-year career) as the country's sixth-winningest active Division I-A coach.

Barron Wortham
UTEP

The Bulldogs are loaded offensively for their WAC debut, with seven returning starters and an eighth, quarterback Trent Dilfer, who started the last third of the season. Defensively, however, just two starters are back. Dilfer, at 6-5 and 225 pounds, is a prototypical drop-back passer. He replaced four-year starter Mark Barsotti when Barsotti was lost for the year with an injury and responded by completing 63 percent of his passes and winning three of his four starts, including one over San Jose State that clinched the Big West title. In all, the Fresno offense rushed for 3,501 yards and passed for 2,944 in 1991, a 6,445-yard total that led the nation. Fullback Lorenzo Neal and tailback Ron Rivers return. Both ran for just under 1,000 yards a year ago. The starting tight end, Marty Thompson, is also back, as is the flanker, Malcolm Seabron, and three-fifths of the line, including 290-pound tackle Jesse Hardwick, an All-America candidate.

If the Bulldogs can find some quick help at defense to go alongside Zack Rix, a first-team all-Big West tackle, they could make the WAC title race interesting, although their chances of finishing first aren't terrific when the race will include a first-time tour of the stadiums in Provo, Honolulu, San Diego State, and El Paso.

UTEP

The University of Texas-El Paso has improved every year since coach David Lee guided the team to a 2-10 record in his first season in 1989. The Miners went 3-8 in 1990 and 4-7-1 in '91. If the progression continues, the Miners must win five games this season—and the prospects look good.

Non-league games against UNLV and New Mexico State feature two of the weaker programs in Division I-A, and after victories last year over WAC members Hawaii and New Mexico, and a tie with Wyoming, the Miners have gained respect. Indeed, even in the five league losses last year, there was more bad luck than bad play. The Miners lost to Colorado State by five, to Air Force by seven, to Utah by one, to San Diego State by seven, and to eventual champion Brigham Young by two points when they missed a potential game-winning field goal in the final seconds.

Eight starters return on defense, led by 1991's WAC Newcomer of the Year, linebacker Barron Wortham, tackle Ricky Massey, a first-team all-WAC selection, outside linebacker Pookie Floyd, and safeties Tod Carter and Anthony Hooks.

Offensively, quarterback Mike Perez leads a list of five returning starters that includes junior slotbaks Kenny Brown and Ivory Durio. The line must be mostly rebuilt around Donovan Anderson, and it appears it will be rebuilt to reflect the El Paso culture. Three Hispanic linemen are projected to start, including Jesse Villareal, Rick Canales, and Anthony Cruz, with backup help from David Ramos. Toss in Perez at quarterback, and it gives the Miners a natural Southwest flavor.

COLORADO STATE

After a Freedom Bowl appearance and a second-place WAC finish in 1990, the fall was swift and sudden for the Colorado State Rams in 1991. While projected to finish again in the upper division of the league and vie for a second straight bowl berth, the Rams slipped to 3-8 overall and 2-6 in league play. The Rams lost their last five games of the season and were reeling when December came. Now, they get to pick up in 1992 with games at Colorado, Fresno State, and Louisiana State. Only a home game against I-AA Idaho in the second week of the season offers relief, and not a great deal of it since Idaho is projected to be one of I-AA's better teams this season.

Nonetheless, Rams coach Earle Bruce, now in his fourth year at CSU (with a record of 17-17-1) has several assets going for him, not the least of which is a tailback named Leonice Brown, a sophomore who during the offseason was clocked at 4.29 in the 40. Brown, the half-brother of former Heisman Trophy winner Charles White of Southern Cal, should set up as the starting tailback, flanking new quarterback Anthony Hill (senior Kevin Verdugo is gone). Hill, an option-type quarterback, nailed down the No. 1 job in spring drills, when Bruce called him "the finest quarterback candidate I've coached." And, yes, the former Ohio State coach said that included Art Schlichter, Mike Tomczak, and Tom Tupa. Also expected to shine individually for the Rams is wide receiver Greg Primus, an all-WAC first-team player in 1991 after catching 67 passes for 1,081 yards and eight TDs. Jason Basso, Bob Cox, and Pat Meyer return on the line.

Defensively, senior cornerback Sylvester Mabry tied for fifth in the WAC and led the team a year ago in pass deflections, with 10.

Three linebackers, Otis Hamilton, Kareem Ingram, and Brian Schneider, return, but only one lineman, Steve Norton.

HAWAII

After three straight winning seasons, the Rainbow Warriors plummeted to 4-7-1 in 1991 (3-5 in the WAC), and the plummeting doesn't figure to stop this season. A spread offense that ranked 23rd in the country last season (417.3 yards per game) appears healthy enough, with seven starters, including quarterback Michael Carter, returning. Carter will throw to wideouts Darrick Branch and Brian Gordon, who averaged 20.9 and 18 yards, respectively, per catch. Running back Eddie Kealoha ran 38 times for 307 yards (8.1-yard average).

Only four starters are back from the defense that ranked 106th among I-A schools. And the Warriors went through spring practice without a coordinator, Rich Ellerson having moved on to Arizona. Basically, they'll be starting from scratch on the defensive side of the ball. The line centers around Maa Tanuvasa. Louis Randall returns at linebacker and Carlos Anderson and Joe Davis in the secondary.

The team's biggest strength—since all-WAC return specialist Jeff Sydner bypassed his senior year for the NFL—lies in the foot of placekicker Jason Elam, a senior who has made 63 of 75 field goals in his career (84 percent accuracy rate), including 24 of 33 from beyond 40 yards. Elam also doubles as Hawaii's punter. With four points this season he will surpass the all-time WAC scoring record of 306 points, held by UTEP running back John Harvey.

NEW MEXICO

Even though his contract wasn't up, Mike Sheppard was relieved of his head-coaching duties at New Mexico after a 3-9 record in 1991. Sheppard managed just a 9-50 mark in five seasons. Ironically, the three victories a year ago were the high-water mark.

New coach Dennis Franchione inherits the Lobo program, long the doormat of the WAC. A national Coach of the Year at the NAIA level (twice) and in Division I-AA, as well as a regional Coach of the Year in Division II, Franchione brings an impressive resume to Albuquerque. His career record is 80-19-2. Most appealing to the Lobos was his performance at Southwest Texas State, where he took over a program that had experienced five straight losing seasons and led the Bobcats to 6-5 and 7-4 records in 1990 and '91.

Whether Franchione can adapt to I-A and the myriad problems at New Mexico (fans, facilities, and funds, to name three) remains to be seen, but what is known is that the new coach wasted no time juggling personnel when he directed preseason drills. Of seven returning offensive starters, only three survived the spring and remained starters (and of those three, quarterback Stoney Case barely held on to the No. 1 position ahead of Oregon State transfer Fred Schweer). Of eight returning defensive starters, five came out of the spring still starting. Free safety Eric Jack, an

all-star candidate, has a penchant for the big play. The best of the Lobos should be wide receiver Carl Winston. He led the WAC and was fifth nationally in receiving last season with 6.3 receptions per game (76 for 1,177 yards overall). With the run-and-shoot offense Franchione plans to employ, he and Manley Woods (39 for 782) should catch a lot more passes. David Margolis could become the school's all-time leading scorer this fall. He needs two field goals to set a Lobo record.

A plus for the new regime: For the first time in 10 years, New Mexico will play more home games (six) than road games (five).

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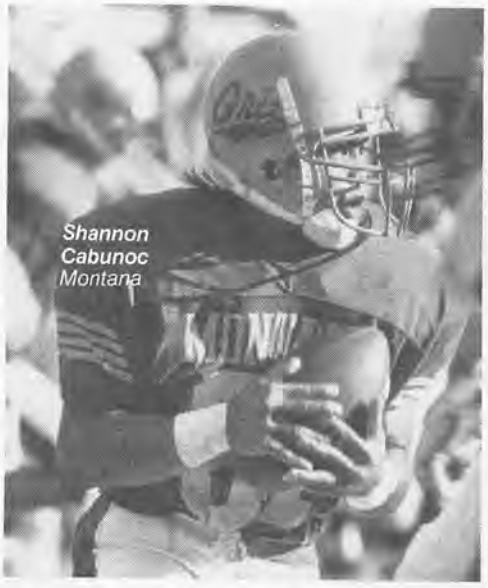
Faulk won't be the only Rockies player scrutinized this season. At Weber State University, quarterback Jamie Martin returns. He won the Walter Payton Award in 1991 as the Most Outstanding Player in Division I-AA. Now a senior, Martin is the biggest man (and target) in the Big Sky Conference. Last season, he completed 310 passes in 500 attempts for 4,125 yards and 35 touchdowns. In the offing, Weber State finished second in the league and qualified for the I-AA playoffs.

MONTANA

The University of Montana has had a terrific run ever since Don Read hired on as head coach six years ago and stopped the bleeding from three straight losing seasons. The Grizzlies have won 45 games and lost just 24 since, they haven't had a season under .500, they've beaten Montana State every year, and they've been in the thick of every Big Sky Conference title chase.

The only hitch: They are yet to win a championship. They've come close. They've been second three of the last four seasons. In 1989, they came within six points of beating eventual champion Idaho in their only league loss.


Shannon Cabunoc Montana

And last season, they could have tied for the title with Nevada if not for a 35-28 double-overtime loss to the Wolfpack.

Given those frustrations, and Read's habit of producing winning football teams, why not favor the Grizzlies and their coach to end their title drought as the Big Sky braces for an apparent year of parity? Nevada would have been the easy favorite for the top spot, but the Wolfpack moved up to I-A and the Big West Conference. Among those Big Sky schools left behind, a good case can be made for Montana, a team with 42 lettermen back and an ax to grind.

Offensively, Read is loaded with seven returning starters and the second team all-Big Sky quarterback in Brad Lebo. Flanking Lebo are veteran running backs Marc Monestime and Tony Rice and no fewer than four wide receivers with starting experience, including Shalon Baker, Mike Carlsen, Bill Cockhill, and Shannon Cabunoc. The line will feature new starters, but none without experience.

Officially, only three starters return on defense, but there is plenty of backup experience, and of the three starters, backs Sean Dorris and Todd Ericson and linebacker Chad Lembke, Ericson and Lembke are potential All-Americas. Both are from Butte, MT, and both were first-team all-Big Sky last year.

Jamie Martin Weber State

A difficult season-opening schedule—road games at Washington State and Kansas State surrounding a home game against Chico State—has the potential for toughening the team up for the Big Sky matchups.

WEBER STATE

Quarterback Jamie Martin can count on one thing for his senior season: He will not go unnoticed. After you've spent your junior year throwing for 4,125 yards and 35 touchdowns (with just 17 interceptions), it's hard to be anonymous anymore. Martin was the relatively easy winner of the Walter Payton Award as Division I-AA's top player in 1991. Not only did he throw for all those yards, but in the process he helped the Wildcats to a 6-2 second place Big Sky finish, an 8-4 record overall, and a berth in the I-AA playoffs—all that after the Wildcats, on the heels of a so-so 1990 5-6 season, were projected to finish near the bottom of the Big Sky race.

Even though seven offensive starters graduated, including three-fifths of a very protective line and all of the skill-position players, Martin alone is enough to figure the Wildcats will be factors in the league and on the national level this season. Also, coach Dave Arslanian's depth has improved in the three seasons since he took over the head job. The Wildcats are loaded at wide receiver, with Dell Stilson, Nate Burchette, and juco transfer Fred Safford expected to take over quickly as Martin's favorite targets. On the line, the returning guard triumvirate of Todd Casey, Miller Atagi, and Paul Kongaika has proven capable of giving Martin enough time to operate, but will need new help at tackle and center.

Defensively, 10 starters return, although the team's new coordinator, Paul Arslanian (Dave's brother), opened up every position in the spring. Those certain to start include linebacker Jantz Afuvai and ends Tim Otton and Steve Nawahine.

The Wildcats have improved yearly under Arslanian, going from 3-8 to 5-6 to 8-4. Their challenge this year is to put together a second straight winning season—something that hasn't been done at Weber State in 22 years.

IDAHO

After racking up as many league losses in one season (four) as in the previous four years combined, Idaho comes into the 1992 season with revenge on its mind. The Big Sky's resident bully (four titles in the past seven years) didn't spend a peaceful offseason. "Our kids aren't happy about what happened," said head coach John L. Smith. "We're anxious to start another season."

What happened was a 6-5 campaign and a 4-4 fifth-place Big Sky effort as the Vandals were smacked by a number of injuries as well as by heartbreaking losses to Montana (one point in overtime) and Eastern Washington (three points in double overtime). By the time the last game of the season rolled around, at Boise State, the Vandals were starting four true freshman and just trying to hang on. The fact that they won, 28-24, and averted Idaho's first losing season since 1981, says a lot about what they might have in mind for this year.

Smith returns 12 starters, including five on defense, where end Jeff Robinson, a unanimous all-Big Sky pick as well as a second-team Associated Press All-America, is the anchor. And the five returning starters don't include back Darrick Davis, a sophomore transfer from Long Beach State who was the talk of the spring. First he won the Big Sky high hurdles race at the conference indoor championships. Then he came out and nailed down a starting spot on the football team.

The heart of the offense is in the middle, beginning with center Mat Groshong, moved from the defensive tackle he manned last year, and ending with quarterback Doug Nussmeier, a 6-4, 210-pound junior who can make you think of John Friesz if you squint. Tackle Jody Schnug is a second-team all-league selection while wide receivers Alan Allen and Yo Murphy lead a group that could be the class of the Big Sky. Much of the line must be rebuilt, however, and that will be a big factor in how far Idaho rebounds this season.

So will the third game of the season, when Weber State comes to Moscow for Idaho's conference opener. The Wildcats beat the Vandals 45-17 last season for their worst loss.

BOISE STATE

Experiments with a one-back offense along with a rather phenomenal performance by converted wide receiver Kerry Lawyer spiced up Boise State's spring and set the stage for what promises to be a more diverse offensive attack this fall.

Head coach Skip Hall, long a proponent of two-back football, tinkered with the one-back setup to utilize the formidable skills of veteran wide receivers Sheldon Forehand and Mike Wilson, the speed of Lawyer, and the accuracy of quarterback Jeff Mladenich, who set an NCAA record (for all levels) last year when he threw just two interceptions in 239 attempts for an 0.83 interception ratio. The results were encouraging, especially in the case of Lawyer. A return specialist as a freshman on last year's team, Lawyer was moved to wide receiver after setting a school record at 100 meters (10.31) while competing with the track team. On the day of the spring game, Lawyer first ran in a triangular track meet with Boise, Montana State, and Colorado. He won the 100 and 200, anchored the relay team to another victory, and placed third in the long jump. Then he put on his football uniform and caught six passes for 138 yards.

Incumbent fullback David Tingstad, a 225-pound bull-type runner, will be a backfield regular, although in the one-back system he may give way to a host of other runners waiting in the wings. On the line, the Broncos must completely retool after all the starters ran out of eligibility at the conclusion of '91.

Defensively, too, there will be a lot of new faces. Only four starters return: linebackers Matt McLaughlin, Scott Monk, and Eric Escandon and end Greg Sabala. That leaves an entirely new backfield to produce. Luckily for the Broncos, however, they'll have a little time to breathe. They play just one league game in the first four weeks, and that's against perennial cellar-dweller Idaho State. Another scheduling plus is that the Big Sky's expected power teams—Idaho, Weber State, and Montana—all must travel to Boise this season.

EASTERN WASHINGTON

Teams don't get much more middle of the pack than the Eastern Washington Eagles. For the last three seasons they are 11-13 in Big Sky play and this year looks like more of the same. Coach Dick Zornes, who is 75-59-2 in 13 seasons at EWU, has just enough experience and talent to pose a threat, but probably not win a title.

The team's strength lies with the defensive line, a veteran unit that enjoyed one of the finest springs of any group of down linemen in the country. Partly that was because players like Derek Hart, Craig Steinmetzer, and Tommy Williams are loaded with experience, partly because Zornes personally coaches the line, and partly it was because on the other side of the line, the Eagles were breaking in a totally new corps of offensive linemen.

Only center Jimi Schmidt returns as an offensive-line starter, and he missed spring ball because of a knee injury. With adequate protection, the Eagles could still be in good shape offensively, however. The skill positions are loaded with experience, anchored by quarterback Mark Tenneson, a senior who threw for 2,399 yards last season.

Also returning is tailback Harold Wright, an all-Big Sky selection who had a 910-yard rushing campaign in '91 and also caught 32 passes. The Eagles' big-play guy is wideout Tony Brooks, who averaged 18.7 yards per catch last season as a junior.

Kicker Alex Lacson is a legitimate All-America possibility. He was first-team all-Big Sky and second-team All-America last season when, as a freshman, he ranked third in I-AA kick scoring with 75 points on 15 field goals and 30 PATs. Lacson came to EWU as a wide receiver and could end up catching a few balls as well as kicking them.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Still the most aptly named coach in sports, Steve Axman needs to reverse the Lumberjacks' propensity to give up more yards and points than they score. Last year, Axman's second at the helm, NAU set school offensive records for first downs (255) and time of possession (32:45 per game), while also posting the second-highest number of yards (4,539) and the fourth-highest number of points (294) ever by a Lumberjack team. The down side was that NAU's opponents gained 5,278 yards and established yet another record for the books.

This year could be more of the same, with more experience and talent on offense than on defense. The offense returns nine starters, all but one of them juniors and seniors, while the defense returns eight starters, only four of which are upperclassmen. Still, no one could accuse the Lumberjacks of being dull in '91—they scored 65 points against New Mexico Highlands and also gave up 57 points to Boise State—and the same appears to be the case for '92. Quarterback John Bonds, who started out at Arizona State, is back and so is Gerald Robinson, who, at 5-8 and 205 pounds, is forging a reputation as one of the hardest runners in the country to tackle. Last season, Robinson gained 727 yards from scrimmage for a 6.2 per-carry average and added another 343 yards in all-purpose running. For the past two seasons, he has 2,480 all-purpose yards. In their opener against Southern Utah on September 5, the Lumberjacks will have a good chance at ending their five-game losing streak. They'll also have three non-league games—Southern Utah is followed by Northeastern and Nevada-Las Vegas—before beginning conference play in Flagstaff against Idaho State.

MONTANA STATE

After 18 returning starters and all kinds of promise last year produced just a 2-9 record, and yet another loss (the sixth straight) to arch state rival Montana, the Bobcats went with a coaching change. They replaced Earle Solomonson with Cliff Hysell, formerly the defensive coordinator at Fresno State. Hysell takes over a program that hasn't had a winning season since 1984, when the Bobcats shocked both the Big Sky and I- AA, first by winning the conference title and then the national championship. Little remains from that glory year.

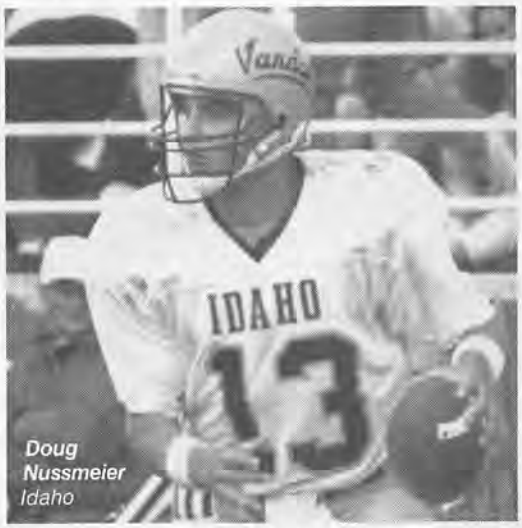
Hysell and his staff changed the MSU offense from the one-back employed in 1991 to a two-back set, and it appears the two starting backs will be Si Ryan at tailback, last year's leading rusher, and Jeremy Wicht, a '91 redshirt while nursing an ankle injury, at fullback. Handing off to them will be either last year's starting quarterback, Mark Fisher, or senior Bryan Nixon. Junior Rob Tesch, the team's leader in receiving and all-purpose yards, also figures to be a valuable part of the offense. The line is a question mark, however, and could be staffed by incoming freshmen.

The strength of the team looks to be the defensive backfield. Sean Hill and Morgan Ryan are veterans who will play free and strong safety, respectively, while Ernie Boyd and Reggie Carthon will be the corners.

IDAHO STATE

New coach Brian McNeely, a success at Garden City Junior College in Kansas, doesn't have to worry much about undue expectations as he takes over the Bengals program. ISU is working on a seven-year streak of losing seasons that has included only 12 victories in the Big Sky and 19 overall.

Numbers continue to be the problem for the Bengals, and relief won't arrive before the '92 season. McNeely and his staff (all new with the exception of Kyle Whittingham, now the defensive coordinator) greeted just 50 players for spring football. And many of the freshmen recruits due to arrive in August were expected to be redshirted, in an effort to beef up the numbers for brighter times ahead. Only an influx of juco transfers—nine were expected—has the potential for immediate help.



Doug Nussmeier
Idaho

The best of the returning starters (there are 11 in all, but none with guaranteed spots) is Sylvester Jones, last season's top receiver, with 48 receptions and 557 yards. Jones, a senior, was moved from receiver to tailback in spring practice and should stay there throughout the season. Scott Hersley, last year's rushing leader, with 623 yards, five touchdowns, and a 4.7 per-carry average, tore his Achilles tendon in spring practice and it was questionable if he could rehabilitate in time for the season. With the quarterback position wide open in the spring, redshirt freshman Nick Sellers emerged as No. 1, but only barely ahead of another redshirt freshman, Sean Fitzgerald, and Shawn Behr, a true freshman McNeely lured from Kansas.

On defense, veteran Robert Ford and junior college transfer Brady Scott should provide the most help, along with returning senior backs Clarence Reese and Aaron Eleazer.

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NEBRASKA

(9-2-1, 6-0-1) Tom Osborne begins his 19th season as head coach with the kind of team that has often surpassed expectations: great runners, suspect quarterback, and a defense low on stars. The Cornhuskers tend to fare better when they have fewer marquee names.

They have only two this year; they play the same position and are the subject of hot debate. It is widely agreed Derek Brown and Calvin Jones are the two best running backs in the Big Eight, but there is no agreement on which of the tailbacks is better. Brown was for much of last year, when he rushed for 1,313 yards. But Jones, Brown's understudy, was more impressive in late season when he exploded for most of his 900 yards.

Brown and Jones will alternate and carry a heavier burden, because of a drop-off in passing. The decision by tight end Johnny Mitchell, the Big Eight's most fascinating talent as a sophomore, to make himself available for the NFL draft (The Jets picked him on the first round) and the graduation of wideouts drained the receiver ranks. Tyrone Hughes, a two-year backup, and Abdul Muhammad, good enough to letter as a true freshman—a rarity at Nebraska—will be the receivers.

The key will be how close Mike Grant, a fifth-year senior with a disappointing record, comes to being the mistake-free, correct-decision-maker operative Osborne has honed from other quarterbacks with so-so abilities. Grant redshirted last year after playing himself off the depth chart in 1990. Given Osborne's record for favoring experience, Grant is an almost certain starter. His backup is Tony Veland, a sophomore whose future might be defense if heralded incoming freshman Tommie Frazier is as good as advertised.

Cale Gundy
Oklahoma

Derek Brown
Nebraska

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There is no shortage of representative blockers. All-Big Eight guard Will Shields leads a line that returns tackle Lance Lundberg and center Jim Scott and has promising replacements in tackles Zach Wiegert and Rob Zatechka and guards T.J. Slansky, Dave Jensen, and Chris Zyzda. Tight end William Washington was listed ahead of Mitchell, because of his blocking. Fullback Lance Lewis starts for the third year.

Outside linebackers Travis Hill and David White lead a defense that is otherwise undistinguished but returns five other starters: safeties Tyrone Byrd and Steve Carmer, inside linebacker Mike Anderson, and tackles Kevin Ramaekers (provided he heals from knee surgery) and John Parrella. Inside linebacker Darren Williams, cornerbacks Kenny Wilhite and Mike Heins, and nose guard David Noonan complete the starting lineup.

Mike Stigge was the league's No. 2 punter (42-yard average) and Byron Bennett was the No. 2 kicker (78 points).

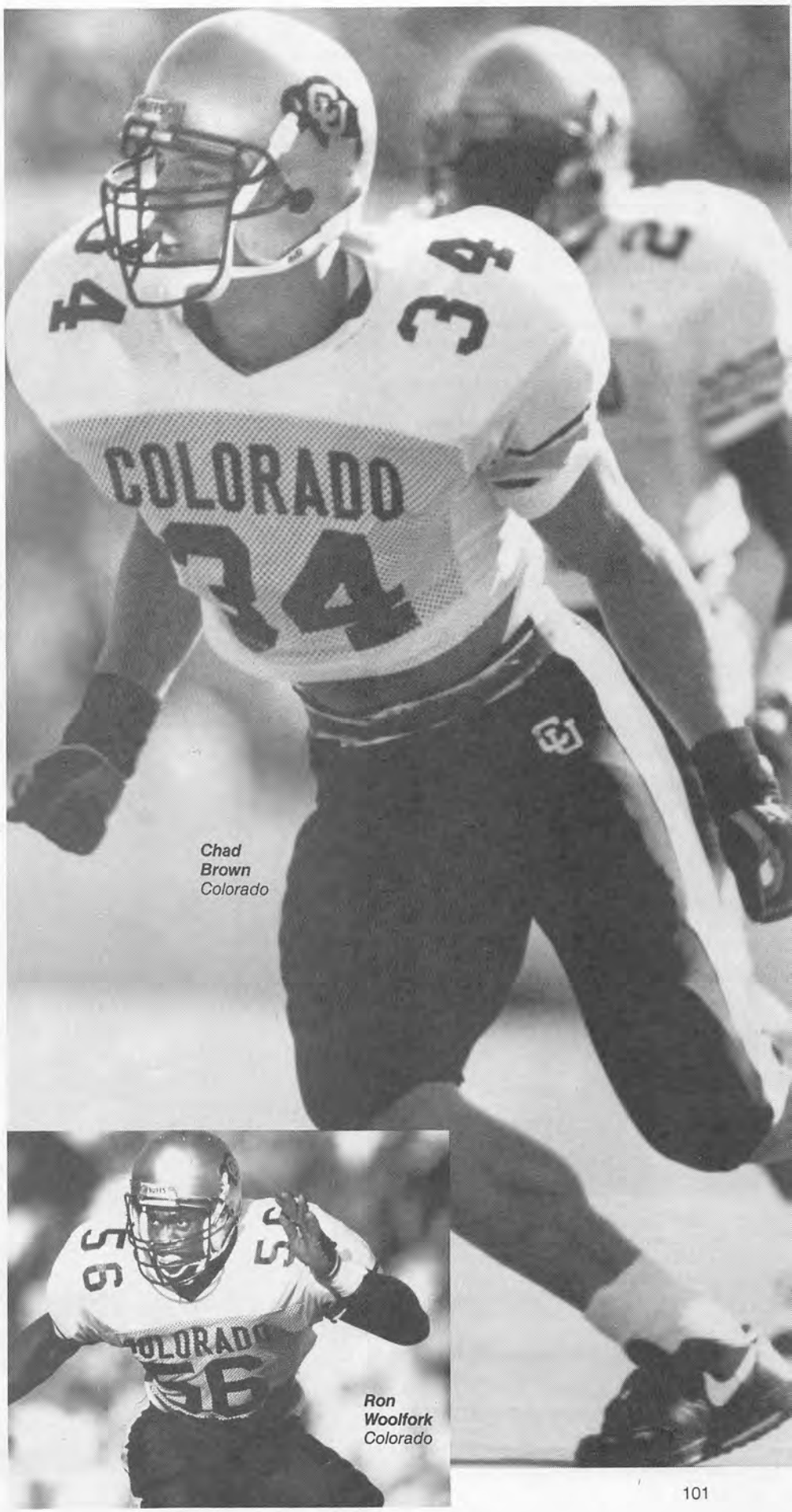
COLORADO

(8-3-1, 6-0-1) The Buffaloes will come full cycle with their fourth change in offenses in 11 years under Bill McCartney. He tried passing, then the wishbone, then the option-I, and this year, he will embrace the one-back attack Washington used to win a share of the 1991 national championship. McCartney was influenced by a belief that Colorado, national champion in 1990, needed to pass more and better to contend for future national titles.

Questions center on how quickly the Buffs will master their new attack and which of their quarterbacks, Vance Joseph or Kordell Stewart, will take over. Joseph made critical plays as a backup last year when the Buffs staged remarkable comebacks to win their last three games by a total of 13 points and salvage a share of the league title. But Stewart, a heralded 1990 recruit who was redshirted last year, is a better passer. McCartney said he will not select a starter until September.

There are no questions about the talent surrounding the quarterbacks. It is impressive, reflecting a succession of all-star recruiting classes. Lamont Warren, who missed spring practice after undergoing shoulder surgery, is one of the league's better running backs. Michael Westbrook leads a deluxe corps of wide receivers that includes Charles Johnson and Erik Mitchell. Sean Embree and Christian Fauria are solid tight ends. The offensive line will be improved. Center Bryan Stoltenberg is the only new starter. He joins tackles Jim Hansen and Craig Anderson and guards Clint Moore and Roger Ivey.

The defense is loaded with speed. All-Big Eight tackle Leonard Renfro anchors the line, where tackle Marcellous Elder and nose guard Jeff Brunner will start. The linebackers and secondary are populated with more gifted athletes than any Big Eight team. Greg Biekert, all-conference last year, and Ted Johnson are the inside backers. All-Big Eight



Chad Brown
Colorado

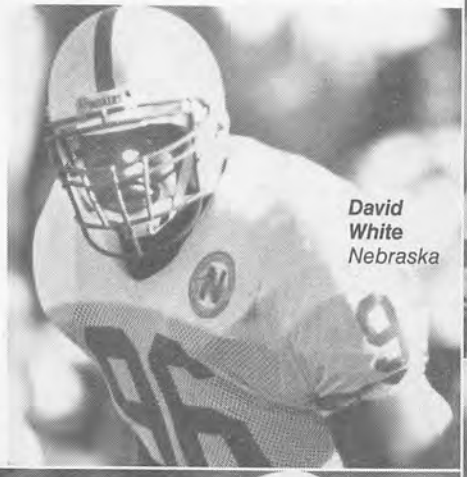
Ron Woolfork
Colorado

Chad Brown and Ron Woolfork are the outside backers. The secondary returns cornerbacks Deon Figures and Ronnie Bradford, but they might be overshadowed by new safeties Dwayne Davis, a 205-pounder who hits like a linebacker, and Chris Hudson, one of the team's best athletes.

Mitch Berger was third (39.2) in Big Eight punting and could add kicking duties if Pat Blottiaux is not satisfactory.

OKLAHOMA

(9-3, 5-2) The Sooners can start an offensive unit with its best balance in more than two decades and features the Big Eight's leading passer, Cale Gundy, and one of its better running backs, Earnest Williams. An inexperienced defense has promise at every position.



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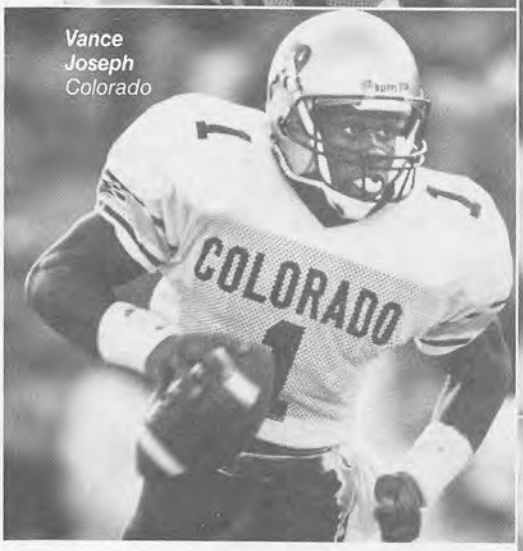


Vance Joseph Colorado

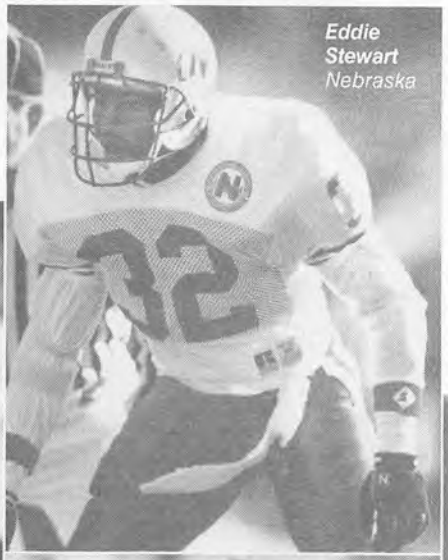
But Gary Gibbs begins his fourth year as head coach with a team that is perilously thin at most line positions, the secondary, and inside linebacker. Although Oklahoma is off NCAA probation, the effects of sanctions that reduced scholarships in 1989, 1990, and 1991 will be felt more painfully this year, following the loss of a large senior class.

Gundy, who inspired Gibbs to opt for more passing and less option running, will throw to improved receivers and was assured of being complemented by another gifted tailback in Williams. Projected to be Oklahoma's next great runner, Williams quit at midseason in 1991 when his playing time was diminished. When Williams requested to return, Gibbs welcomed him back and he had an outstanding spring (while Gundy was excused to pitch for the baseball team).

Beyond Gundy, who completed 53 percent of his passes (and 25 of 31 for 324 yards against Virginia in the Gator Bowl), and Williams, OU's offense is short of stars. But backup tailback Dewell Brewer, fullback Kenyon Rasheed, and tight ends Joey Mickey and Rickey Brady are solid. Wide receivers Corey Warren, Albert Hall, JaJuan Penny, Michael McDaniel, and P.J. Mills—the latter two are blue-chip freshmen—represent the most improved part of the team. Guard Jeff Resler and tackle Paul Moriarty, moved from guard, are returning starters. Center Brent Koontz, guard Broderick Roberson, and tackle Jason Comer had impressive springs.

Outside linebackers Reggie Barnes, the Big Eight's best at his position, and Trey Tippens and cornerback Darnell Walker are the only starters returning on defense. But ends Greg Wilkins and Russell Allen, nose guard Rickey Wren, inside linebacker Mike Coats, and strong safety Drew Christmon are experienced and highly regarded. Outside linebacker Aubrey Beavers, ineligible for two years, is a dynamic prospect. The key to respectability depends on juco free safety Roberto O'Neal, inside linebacker Mario Freeman, and cornerback William Shankle.

Kicker Scott Blanton, who was erratic last year, and punter Brad Reddell (39.8) demonstrated signs of improvement in the spring.



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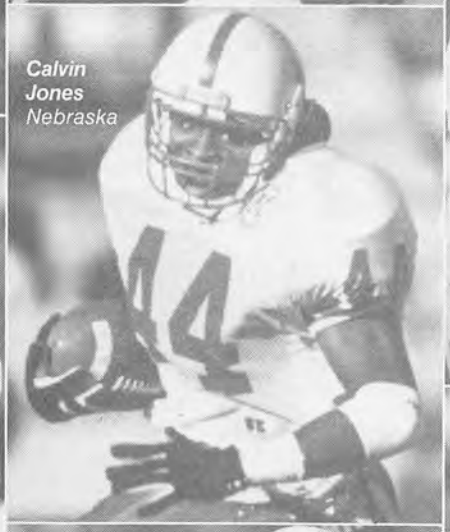

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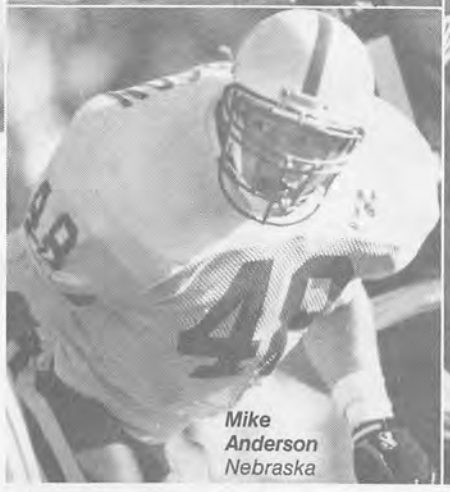

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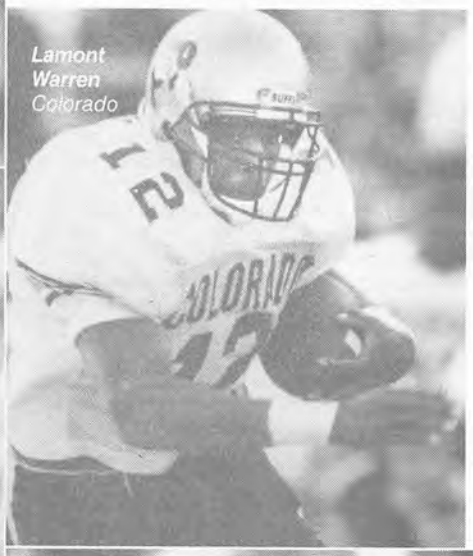

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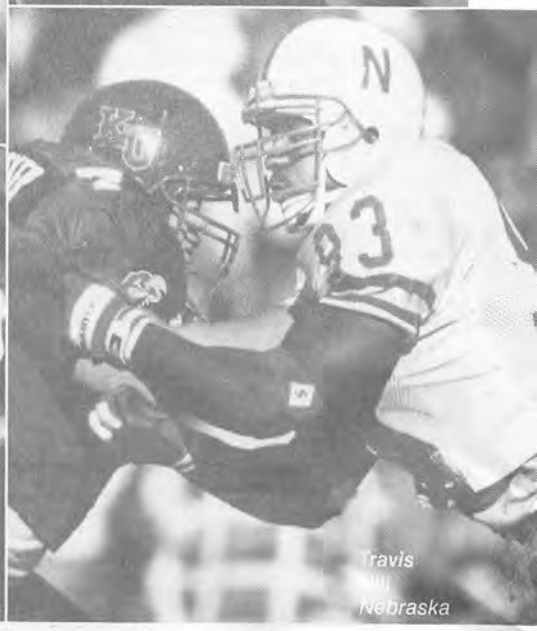
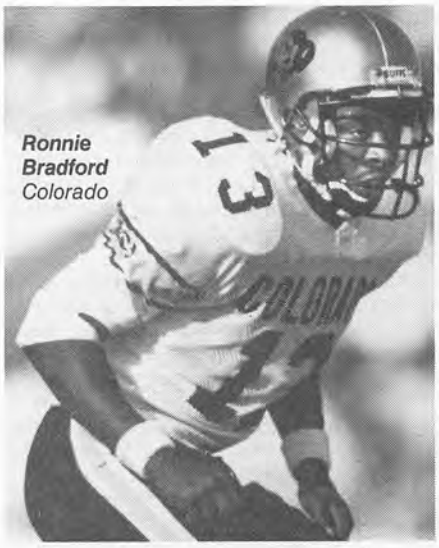


Travis Nebraska

KANSAS

(6-5, 3-4) The Jayhawks' steady improvement under Glen Mason generated their first winning record in 10 years and only their second in 15 years. But failing to protect late leads against Colorado and Kansas State and being blown away by Oklahoma and Nebraska made Mason and bowl officials realize the Jayhawks had not come as far as they thought. They should take another step up the ladder in 1992. They play an easier nonconference schedule, four conference games at home, and have a more experienced, deeper team featuring a three-year starting quarterback, two of the Big Eight's best linemen, and the nation's best all-purpose kicker.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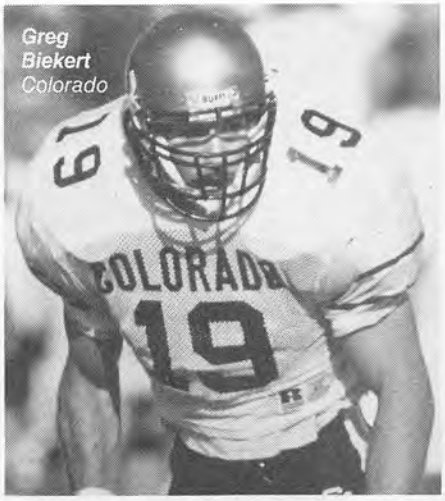
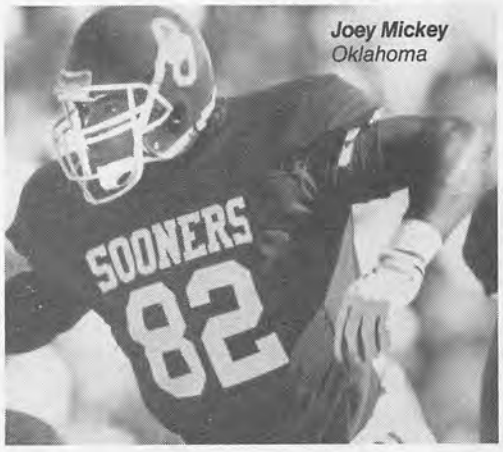

Greg Biekert
Colorado

Quarterback Chip Hilleary is not outstanding but efficient. He had the lowest interception ratio (one per 67) in the Big Eight and third-best completion record (52.1) of returning passers and fourth-best total-offense numbers (151 yards per game). He will pass and hand off to new but highly regarded players. Converted fullback Maurice Douglas and George White eased Mason's concerns about replacing tailback Tommy Sands, KU's career rushing leader. Rob Licursi and Ashaundai Smith bring improved speed to wide receiver. Dwayne Chandler heads a deep cast of tight ends. All-Big Eight tackle Keith Loneker leads the offensive line, where guard Hessley Hempstead and center Dan Schmidt return. John Jones and Khristopher Booth, backups last year, fill the other two spots.

A defense that rose from 104th nationally in 1988 to 29th (and third in the Big Eight) last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year returns eight starters. The best is all-conference tackle Dana Stubblefield. Ends Kyle Moore and Brian Christian, outside linebackers Don Davis and Hassan Bailey, inside linebacker Steve Harvey, and cornerback Robert Vaughn should retain their starting roles. But tackle Gilbert Brown might be dislodged by Chris Maumalanga or Mike Steel, a transfer from Georgia.

In a year when the conference is loaded with deluxe kickers, Kansas has the best in Dan Eichloff, who in 1991 led the Big Eight in punting (42.3) and place-kicking (85 points).

KANSAS STATE

(7-4, 4-3) Bill Snyder thinks the Wildcats, who had their best record since 1954 and finished in the first division for only the fourth time in 55 years, might be better. But he will need another Coach of the Year performance in developing an unproven quarterback.

Paul Watson wrote an unsuspecting story last year by being the league's busiest and third-best passer. Even if Jason Smargiasso or Matt Garber, who finished spring practice even, comes through, he will not be complemented by as many weapons as Watson enjoyed. Eric Gallon, who rushed for 1,102 yards last year, suffered a knee injury in spring practice and underwent surgery. He is not expected to play until October. The wideouts are also new and K-State must replace tight end Russ Campbell. But letterman J.J. Smith and rookie Bryant Brooks are promising tailbacks and wideouts Mitch Running, Gerald Benton, and Andre Coleman are faster than their predecessors. Brian Rees should be a solid tight end. The offensive line returns four regulars in center Quentin Neujahr, guards Eric Wolford

George White
Kansas

and Toby Lawrence, and tackle Mike Orr and one part-time starter, Barrett Brooks.

The defense returns eight starters, led by all-Big Eight linebacker Brooks Barta. Linebacker Chris Patterson, end Reggie Blackwell, tackles Ekwensi Griffith and Jody Kilian, nose guard Kelly Greene, and safeties Jaime Mendez and C.J. Masters are other returnees. The new starters are Thomas Randolph and Kitt Rawlings on the corners and linebacker Brent Venables.

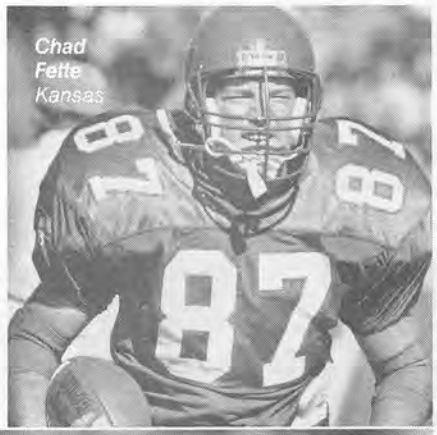
Improved kicking is expected from Tate Wright, who disappointed after an impressive freshman season in 1990, and punter Sean Snyder, fourth (40.5) in the conference.

MISSOURI

(3-7-1, 1-6) After three years and a 9-23-1 record marred by blowout losses to the Big Eight's best teams, Bob Stull is on the spot. He thinks normal improvement from the talent he recruited and better luck with injuries could get the Tigers back on the road to respectability. What the passing-minded Stull needs most is to plug some of the leaks in what has become the Big Eight's poorest defense.

He addressed that problem by hiring Don Lindsey as defensive coordinator. The former Alabama, Georgia Tech, Arkansas, and Southern Cal assistant installed a new scheme and made numerous position switches in pursuit of speed. If the overhauled defense reaches the level of the offense, Missouri might be the league's most improved team.

Quarterback Phil Johnson set a school record for total offense last year and was second in the Big Eight with 2,187 yards. His leading receivers, wideouts Victor Bailey, Kenny Holly, and Byron Chamberlain, return, as does tight end A.J. Ofodile, who missed the last six games because of an injury. The league's worst running attack figures to improve, because of the reinstatement of Mark Jackson. Highly recruited, Jackson has not played in two years but possesses the breakaway speed the Tigers have not had of late. If Michael Washington, who spent the spring at a junior college seeking to regain eligibility, and Ronnell Kayhill, felled by a knee injury in spring practice, return, tailback will be much improved. The return of fullback Mike Schief, a starter in 1990 but sidelined by injury last year, will allow the resumption of a two-back formation. Doug Hembrough, one of only two starters returning in the offensive line, will move from guard to center. Guard Mike Bedosky, the other starter, will be joined by tackles Coby Crowl and Gene Snisky and guard Tim Alvarado.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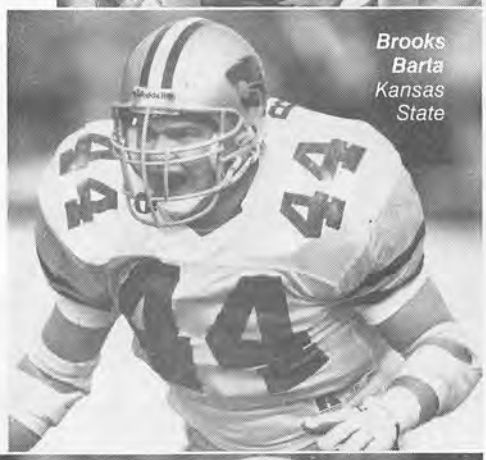
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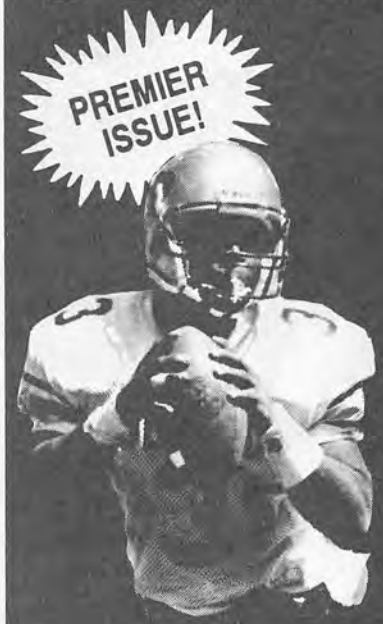

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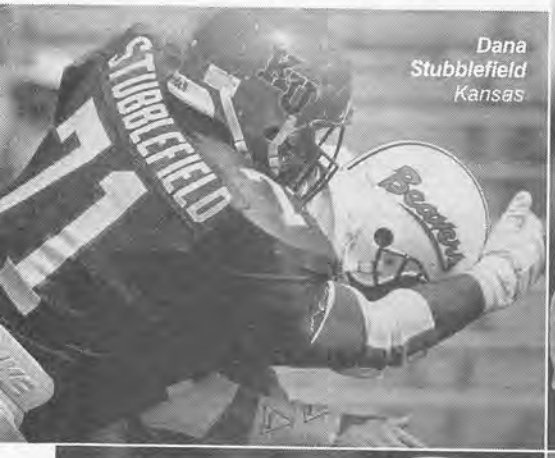
In shuffles to assemble the new defense, outside linebacker Mike Ringgenberg moved to middle linebacker, free safety Jermaine Wilkins to outside linebacker, cornerback Maurice Benson to strong safety, and cornerback Andre White to free safety. Tackle George Hunt and cornerback Jason Oliver are the only returning regulars scheduled to start at the same positions. Another first-time starter is outside linebacker Travis McDonald.

Jeff Jacke had the highest field-goal percentage (.780) in the conference. Junior college transfer Scott Villarreal (42-yard average) is scheduled to do the punting.



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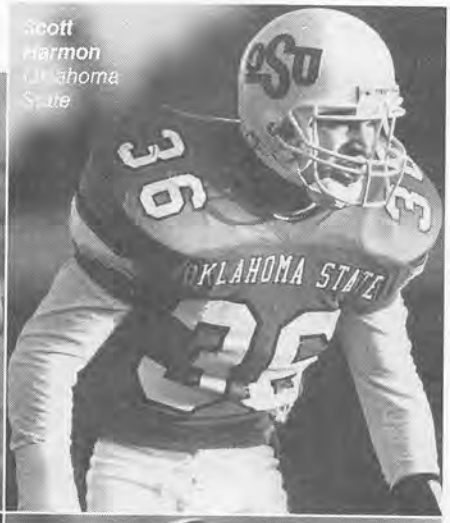

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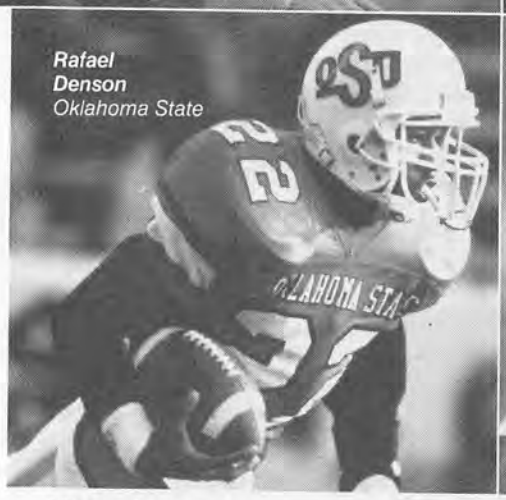

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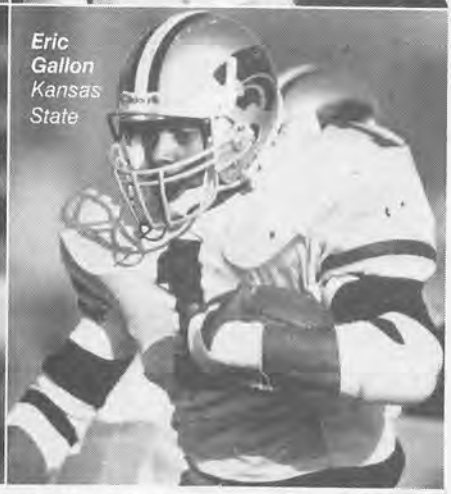
Eric Gallon Kansas State

IOWA STATE

(3-7-1, 1-5-1) A rash of injuries that soured the Cyclones' season in 1991 might lead to improvement in 1992. After running out of quarterbacks, Jim Walden was forced to junk his multiple offense in favor of the option and drafted halfback Kevin Caldwell to play quarterback. Walden liked the option and embraced it as his offense this year.

Bob Utter, one of three quarterbacks to be disabled last year, replaces Caldwell as the starter. Sherman Williams and James McMillion (who led the Big Eight in punt returns with a 14.7-yard average) are the 1-2 running backs and Hussein Warmack was returned from tight end to fullback, his original position. It is a backfield with improved running potential, and Utter's wideout corps returns intact with Chris Spencer, Lamont Hill, and Brandon Hughes. Every starter returns in the offensive line: tackles Todd McClish and Doug Skartvedt, guards Lawrence Roberts and Tony Booth, and center Scott Armbrust.

The defensive line is all new, with ends George Conditt and Shane Dunlevy and tackles Troy Petersen and Todd Miller moving from backups to regulars. The Cyclones' linebackers and secondary rank among the Big Eight's most experienced. Mark DouBrava is the league's best free safety. Cornerbacks Shawn Walker and Andrew Buggs, strong safety Kevin Fulton, outside linebackers Dan Watkins and Matt Nitchie, and middle linebacker Dan Milner started last year.

Ty Stewart ranked third in field-goal kicking (12 of 17) and Jon Schnoor (38.7) was sixth in punting in the league.

OKLAHOMA STATE

(0-10-1, 0-6-1) The Cowboys' chances of regaining respectability depend on how much punch their new quarterbacks and linemen can add to an offense that scored one touchdown or less in seven games and ranked 105th nationally in scoring with a 9.6 average.

Coach Pat Jones liked the passing of juco quarterback Derek Chapmanin in spring practice and will welcome another juco, Andy Loveland, in August. Juco tackles Lee Gilchrest and Brian Best and transfer Shane Hudson bolster a line that returns guard Anthony Greenlee and tackle Mike Butler. If the Cowboys elevate their passing and blocking, they should improve. They have the Big Eight's fastest tailback in Rafael Denson and wideout Bert Milliner was second in conference receptions (47) last year. Derek Jones heads a deep cast of tight ends and fullback Roger Franks developed into a competent blocker.

A defense that kept OSU in several games last year should improve, because of new linebackers Arthur Davis, Brian Hamilton, and Keith Burns. All-Big Eight end Jason Gildon leads a line that has size and speed in tackles Wendell Gaines, Andre Thompson, and Elmer Williams and end Mike Woolridge. There is less ability and depth in the secondary, where free safety Scott Harmon, who tied for the conference interception lead with six, is the only established starter. Strong safety Jay Fleischman would ease concerns if he recovers from knee surgery.

Juco All-America Scott Tyner is expected to be one of the conference's leading punters. Rick Myers ranked sixth among seven returning Big Eight kickers.

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TULSA

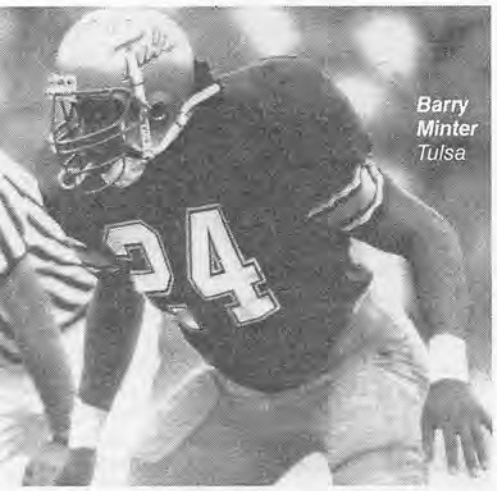
(10-2) After using the momentum of an upset over Texas A&M to soar to a 10-2 record and Freedom Bowl victory, the Hurricane will rebuild and open its first season since 1986 without quarterback T.J. Rubley. Rubley, who played four seasons and part of a fifth in which he received a medical hardship, was the cerebral leader and big-play star of a team that returns several of its best players but has no passer of Rubley's caliber.

Jason Gildon Oklahoma State

Eric Lange Tulsa

Gus Frerotte, a better runner than Rubley, will be complemented by tailback Ron Jackson (MVP of the Freedom Bowl) and quality receivers Chris Penn, Marlo Fair, and Brian Thompson. Guard Mark Govi leads a capable line. But linebacker Barry Minter and end Aaron Tallman are the only mainstays returning from an underrated defense.

Miami is off the schedule but Texas A&M, Kansas, Houston, Louisville, Memphis State, and Southern Mississippi will tax the Hurricane's capacity to have a winning record.



Barry Minter Tulsa

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gateway conference

1. Northern Iowa, 2. Southern Illinois, 3. Western Illinois, 4. Southwest Missouri State, 5. Illinois State, 6. Eastern Illinois, 7. Indiana State

The seven-team Gateway Conference is coming off a strong 1991 season. For the third straight year, two of its teams advanced to the Division I-AA playoffs. The league compiled a nonconference record of 24-12-2, the best in I-AA. One poll last September marked the first time that four Gateway teams were ranked among the top 20 in one week: Northern Iowa, Southwest Missouri State, Southern Illinois, and Illinois State.

Northern Iowa appears poised to claim its fifth conference championship. The Panthers, who reached the national semifinals in 1985 and 1987, return 16 starters.

NORTHERN IOWA

The Panthers have dominated the Gateway's first seven seasons with a composite conference mark of 32-9 and four championships. With eight starters returning on each side of the ball, the Panthers are looking for more of the same. "A national championship is not out of the realm for this year," fourth-year coach Terry Allen said.

Northern Iowa reached the Division I-AA playoffs last year for the second straight time but fell to eventual national runner-up Marshall, 41-13, in the quarterfinals. The Panthers return plenty from a team that outscored opponents, 366-158.

All-conference quarterback Jay Johnson ranked seventh nationally in passing efficiency. He completed 159 of 290 passes for 2,399 yards with 20 touchdowns and seven interceptions. Johnson will throw to all-conference wide receiver Kenny Shedd (24 catches, 662 yards, seven touchdowns) and tight end Chris Nuss (34-457). The ground game looks good with fullback Tank Corner, the team's leading rusher (873 yards) and a sure thing for anyone's all-name team.

Team MVP and conference defensive player of the year William Freeney returns at outside linebacker. All three starting linemen and three backs return from a unit that ranked fourth nationally in total defense. Tim Mosley might be the conference's best punter. He also caught 21 passes for 421 yards and six touchdowns as a wide receiver.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

The Salukis brought football excitement back to Carbondale last fall by starting with five consecutive victories and posting their first winning record since 1986. But fourth-year

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coach Bob Smith will have to shore up a defense that ranked last in the conference if Southern is to continue.

Four starting linemen graduated, leaving the secondary as the likely strength of the defense. Cornerbacks Scott Walker and J.J. Chaney and free safety Clint Smothers provide the core. Also being counted on are veteran linebackers Ron Moran, Kevin Cager, and Ed Senter. Starting tackle Wayne Manu probably is the best returning lineman.

Offensively, the pass-oriented Salukis plan to put more emphasis on a rushing attack that ranked last in the conference. They're deep in the backfield with Greg Brown, Anthony Perry, William Tolen, and second-team all-conference pick Yonel Jourdain. Senior Scott Gabbert has reclaimed the quarterback job after starting five games in 1989 and redshirting in 1990. He'll look for Justin Roebuck, the Gateway's No. 2 receiver (42-647). A trio of starting blockers returns: guards Jason Jakovich and Mike Strickland and tackle Chuck Neitzel. Tackle Jim Snyder, a junior college transfer, is expected to be a force.

Kenny Shedd Northern Iowa

WESTERN ILLINOIS

After stumbling to a 3-8 record in 1990, the Leathernecks were picked to finish last in the conference. Instead, they earned a berth in the I-AA playoffs, where they lost a first-round overtime decision to eventual runner-up Marshall, 20-17.

Third-year coach Randy Ball's team won't surprise anyone if it does well this season. Although just six starters return to offense and three to defense, Western has been adept at plugging gaps with redshirts and junior college transfers. One of last season's transfers, linebacker Ken McMillan, made the most tackles on a unit that ranked sixth nationally in total defense. Returning wth McMillan on defense are cornerbacks Jesse Morris and Marc Payton and free safety Rodney Harrison. Harrison broke into the lineup as a freshman by finishing fourth in tackles, blocking two kicks, deflecting five passes; and intercepting another.

Another transfer, quarterback Don Simmons, started the final eight games and completed 56 percent of his passes. He'll work with the top four receiving-yardage leaders from a year ago: Lance Earl, Demeris Johnson, Jeff Bush and Steve Decker. Rushing is an area of concern with the graduation of school single-season leader Kevin Hart (1,085 yards) and halfback Chuck Fox. Sophomore halfback Tim Ardis was impressive in spot duty last season.

Second-team all-conference place-kicker Matt Seman is back. For the first time in school history, the Leathernecks will play seven home games.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

As long as the Bears have a rushing attack and play solid defense, they'll be championship contenders.They have led the conference in rushing seven straight years, coinciding with a 23-17-1 composite conference record and I-AA playoff appearances in 1989 and 1990. The Bears knocked off playoff-bound McNeese State early last season in a nonconference game. But conference losses to playoff qualifiers Western Illinois and Northern Iowa dashed their title hopes.

The return of center Robert Nation and guards Matt Irvin and Dave Dow gives Southwest Missouri the nucleus for another strong flexbone attack. Fullback Jonah White returns after leading the Bears in rushing and scoring (555 yards, nine touchdowns). Running back Anthony Pegues led the team in receiving (31 receptions, 406 yards) and added 371 yards on 64 carries. Cleveland Antoine is the leading candidate at quarterback. He started three games last season. If Antoine can mix enough ball-control passes with his running ability, the Bears will be tough to stop.

Coach Jesse Branch begins his seventh season trying to lead the Bears back to the playoffs. He'll have to do it with only three returning starters on defense: all-conference cornerback Adrion Smith (seven interceptions), end Bobby Godwin, and tackle Rick Perry. Cameron Flemming and Damon Frost look solid at linebacker, along with junior college transfer Stephen Levels.

Richard Grote will handle the place-kicking; punt returner Chuck Calhoun is back.

ILLINOIS STATE

After three consecutive 5-6 records, will this be the year the Redbirds break the .500 mark? Nine starters return to the offense in ISU's quest for its first winning record since 1985. But fifth-year coach Jim Heacock lost the heart of his defense to graduation, including inside linebacker Wilbert Brown, the Gateway's all-time tackle leader. Cornerback Eric Simple and free safety Franky West have starting experience. Look for Mike Williams at one inside linebacker. He was second in tackles before suffering a season-ending knee injury. Tackles Clint Cullen and Rob Wendlick combined for nine sacks.

Gateway 1991 total offense leader Adrian Wilson returns at quarterback. He completed 152 of 269 passes for 1,673 yards with nine touchdowns and 13 interceptions. He also rushed 84 times for 344 yards. The league's leading wide receiver, Clarence Miller, graduated, but the next five receivers return, including tight end Brian Brown (36 catches, 385 yards). The Redbirds think junior college transfer Franklin Young will help. Fullback Toby Davis is an all-purpose threat. He caught 30 passes for 309 yards and ran 253 times for 1,169 yards–eighth-best in the nation. Davis's nine touchdowns led the team. Guard Mike Lee has returned from a knee injury to lead four returning starters on the line.

Kicker/punter Cameron Bair converted 13 of 21 field goals, including 11 of his last 14 and two last-minute game-winners.

EASTERN ILLINOIS

If nothing else, last season taught the Panthers the value of a point. Eastern lost five games by one point and another by two. Five losses came in the closing seconds. "Yes, it was disappointing, but it's left us with the resolve not to let it happen again," sixth-year coach Bob Spoo said. Eastern will not get any breaks in its nonconference schedule. The Panthers play at Youngstown State and Marshall, last year's Division I-AA champion and runner-up, respectively.

Junior Jeff Thorne begins his third season at quarterback. Ranked fifth in I-AA passing efficiency, he completed 151 of 246 passes for 1,920 yards and 21 touchdowns. But Thorne will operate behind a line with just one returning starter, center Brad Fichtel. Three-year starting tackle Dan Purcell underwent knee surgery in April and won't return until midseason, if at all. All-time Gateway rusher Jamie Jones has graduated, leaving Edson Castillo (542 yards and 10 TDs) as the heir apparent at tailback. Three-year lettermen Mike Rummell and Terrence Hickman, along with Martin Ellens, give Thorne experienced targets at wide receiver.

Leading returning tackler Dan Dee anchors the defensive line and Derrick Lane appears solid at linebacker. But the defense will need rebuilding. Only seven players with appreciable playing time return, including five starters.

INDIANA STATE

The graduation of most of the defensive starters and of Walter Camp Foundation All-America running back Derrick Franklin will make it tough for the Sycamores to post their first winning season since 1984.

Franklin ran for a school-record 1,505 yards and 12 touchdowns on 318 carries. Veteran coach Dennis Raetz has moved strong safety Von Ganaway to tailback. But the starting quarterback returns for the first time in four years. Kip Hennelly earned the job in the sixth game last season and threw for 899 yards, including 512 in the last two games. Hennelly set a school record for quarterbacks with 463 rushing yards. Demetrius Dowler returns after finishing fifth in conference receiving yardage (479 on 26 catches with six touchdowns). An experienced line will protect the skill players. Third-year tackle Robert Egidi anchors the unit, which includes guards David Sharbaugh and Shawn Moore and tackle Tim Herrin. Navy transfer Tim Giebels should provide a boost.

The defense needs a face-lift. Last year's No. 3 tackler, Dyrrah Christon, will bolster the line. The only other returning starter is free safety Ken Mullen, although cornerback Michael Wilson saw considerable playing time.

The kicking will be handled by senior Steve Krieger, who averaged 38.5 yards per punt and converted seven of 13 field goals and 22 of 25 PATs. □

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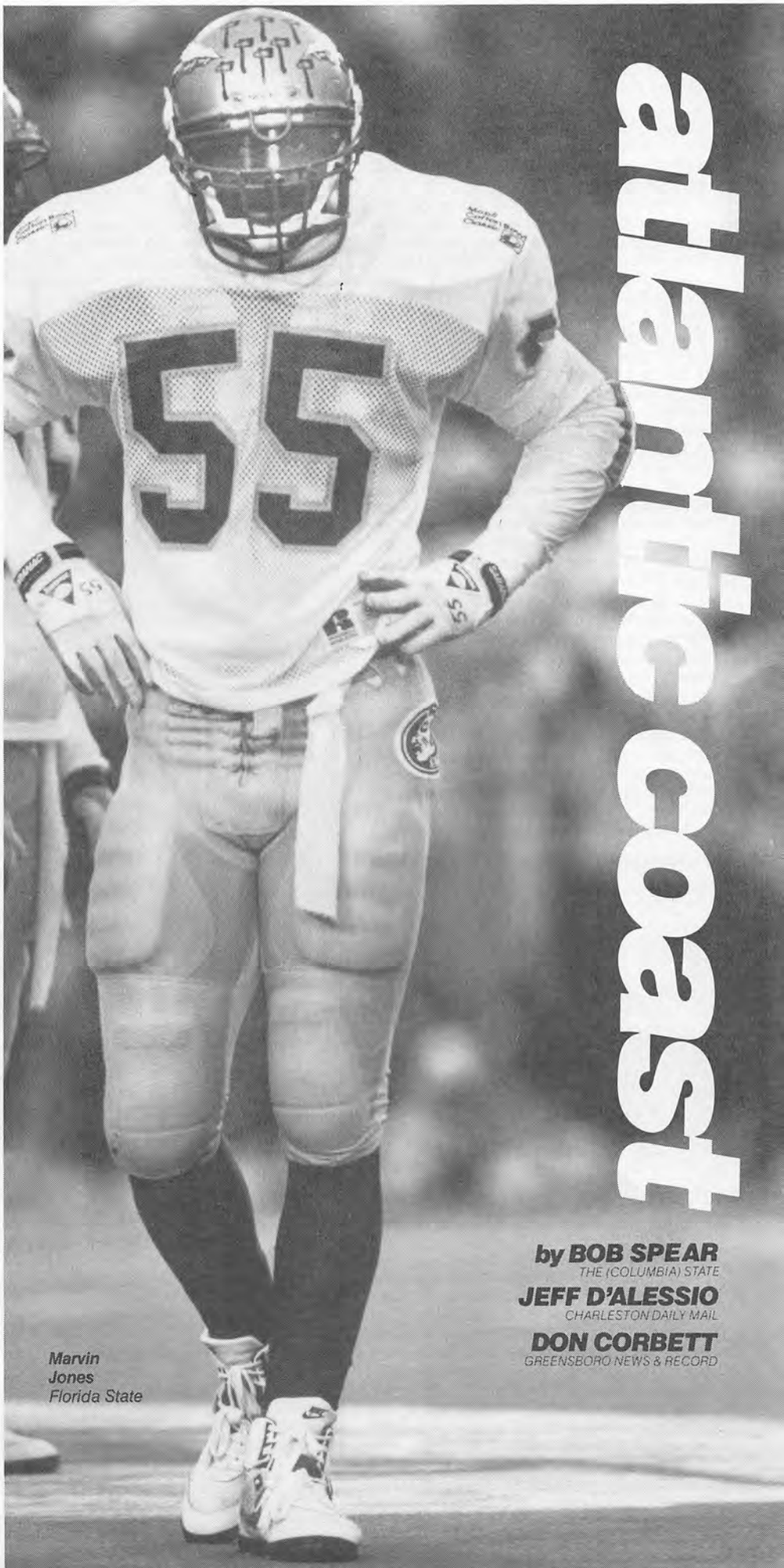

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FLORIDA STATE

The Seminoles reload and take aim at Miami October 3 in the Orange Bowl. It seems that is what every season boils down to now at Florida State: a shot at Miami. The national championship always leads through Miami for the 'Noles. Now it leads through Miami and the Atlantic Coast Conference. FSU is the team to beat as it opens its first full season in the ACC.

Coach Bobby Bowden, who saw his best title chance ever fizzle when a field goal sailed wide right by a foot in last year's 17-16 loss to Miami, loses much talent from last year's 10-2 Cotton Bowl champions. Gone are quarterback Casey Weldon, halfback Amp Lee, fullback Edgar Bennett, tackle Kevin Mancini, cornerback Terrell Buckley, and linebackers Howard Dinkins and Kirk Carruthers. Only nine starters return. Still, Bowden will reap the rewards of his outstanding recruiting efforts over the last three seasons. The 'Noles have more budding stars waiting in the wings.

"Oh, we'll be just as talented," Bowden said. "How these new boys mature and how quickly they gain experience will determine just how good we will be."

Of all the losses, Weldon's may be felt most. The key to FSU's season is quarterback. Multi-talented junior Charlie Ward won the job with a limited spring outing. He missed most of the practices while leading the FSU basketball team as the point guard to a second-place finish in the ACC and an impressive run in the NCAA tournament. A shoulder injury sustained in the tournament hindered his return, but he still managed to impress enough in the spring game to win the job from junior Kenny Felder. Nevertheless, Ward has much to learn and prove. "Charlie has a kind of reputation for freelancing," Bowden said.

Sean Jackson
Florida State

A strong FSU defense hopes to give Ward time to mature. The 'Noles are loaded two-

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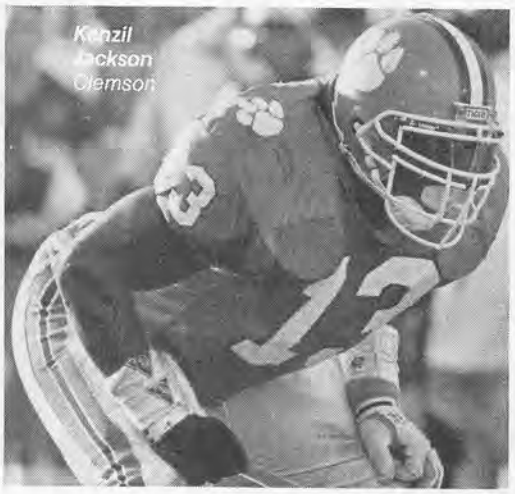
deep at every position, with Lombardi Award finalist Marvin Jones leading the way. Jones (6-2, 220), a junior inside linebacker, led the team in tackles. Junior outside linebacker Sterling Palmer, a Ted Hendricks-type who stands 6-foot-7 and 252 pounds, appears ready to soar to Jones's level. "Sterling was as dominant at his position as Marvin was at his," defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews said after spring workouts.

Jones and Palmer join Ken Alexander and sophomore Derrick Brooks in a formidable corps that also will feature Reggie Freeman. They should look even better playing behind one of FSU's strongest lines in years. Senior end Carl Simpson (11 sacks in '91) heads a cast that includes tackle Dan Footman and nose guard Toddrick McIntosh. The secondary has a tradition to uphold following the likes of talented players such as Deion Sanders, Leroy Butler, and Jim Thorpe Award winner Buckley from FSU backfields of recent history. Safeties John Davis and Leon Fowler are back to lead the way. Sophomore Cliff Abraham and Tommy Henry are the new corners.

Offensively, the 'Noles' best talent may be the swift and bruising junior tailback Sean Jackson (392 yards). A backup to Lee, he earned the Cotton Bowl MVP award by rushing for 119 yards. He'll be running behind soph William Floyd. Bowden is looking for more consistency from a quartet of receivers: Shannon Baker, Matt Frier, Kevin Knox, and Kez McCorvey. The line is anchored by tight ends Lonnie Johnson and Warren Hart and returns center Robbie Baker, tackle Robert Stevenson, and guard Patrick McNeil.

Kicking was a major problem a year ago (see the missed 34-yard field goal in the Miami game) and there were no solutions in the spring. Soph Dan Mowrey and Gerry Thomas both struggled, prompting hopes that freshman recruit Sean Liss might help early. John Wimberly takes over the punting.

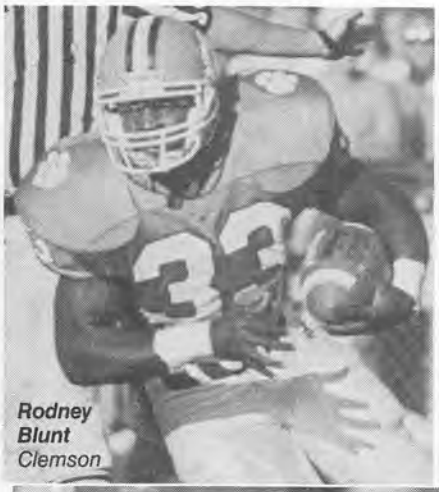

Kenzil Jackson
Clemson

CLEMSON

(9-2-1) The Tigers welcomed the new year with a thoroughly dreadful performance. California handed them a 37-13 defeat in the Citrus Bowl that left Clemson embarrassed by its performance on and off the field. Coach Ken Hatfield could accept the loss but not the conduct, and changes this fall will include a new code of ethics for the players. Also new will be a few faces replacing some all-stars who have completed their eligibility.

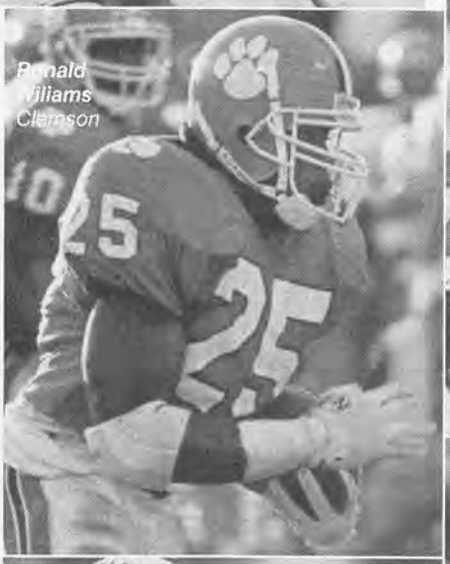
Unchanged will be the results. The Tigers will win a bunch of games. Although the missing include four All-Americas, two more all-conference performers, and a first-round NFL draft pick as a junior, Clemson returns 12 starters from the team that led the league in total offense and total defense.

Despite heavy losses in the offensive line, Hatfield is not singing the blues. Stacy Seegars (6-4, 320) should take a place on the all-star teams this season, and Les Hall (6-7, 313) and Brent LeJeune (6-4, 306) saw significant playing time at tackle. Jeff Fortner (6-6, 294) should start at the other guard and John Harris at center. Junior Richard Moncrief replaces quarterback DeChane Cameron, whose 19-4-1 record is the best ever at Clemson. Moncrief has some winning experience. He spelled Cameron against Duke a year ago and sparked the Tigers' 33-21 victory, rushing for 46 yards and a touchdown and passing for 51 yards and a TD.


Rodney Blunt
Clemson

Although all-ACC tailback Ronald Williams went down with a knee injury last season and remains uncertain for 1992, the Tigers remain well-stocked at running back. Rodney Blunt averaged 91.2 yards over the final six games. He could be challenged by Greg Hood (5-6, 155), a walk-on who stole the show in spring practice when he rushed for over 350 yards in three scrimmages. Fullback Rudy Harris had nine touchdowns. Wide receivers Terry Smith (52 catches, 829 yards, six TDs) and speedster Larry Ryans are game-breakers. The unit creates plenty of work for Nelson Welch, who led the team with 88 points, including five of six field goals between 40-49 yards.

Clemson ranked fourth nationally in total defense and No. 1 vs. the run with a yield of 53.4 yards per game. Brentson Buckner (6-3, 310) moves from tackle to middle guard and Al Richard and Arthur Bussie get first call at the tackles. Linebackers are the key to the Clemson defense, and the outside is in good hands with seniors Wayne Simmons and Ashley Sheppard. Kenzil Jackson, the leading returning tackler, will fill one inside spot, and sophomore Tim Jones another. Robert O'Neal is one


Ronald Williams
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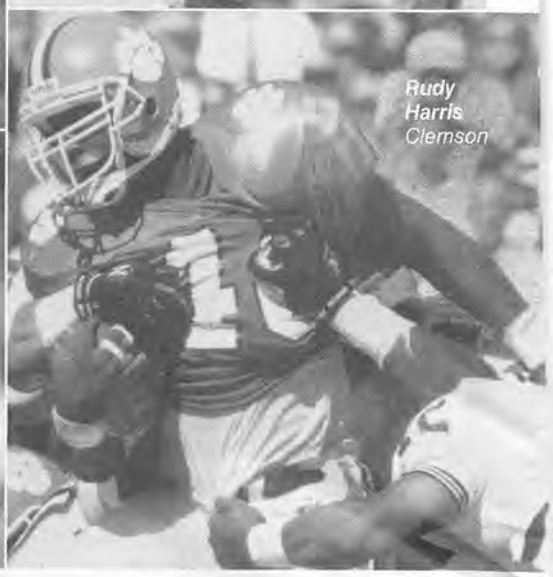

Rudy Harris
Clemson

of the nation's top safeties. Darnell Stephens is back at rover and Eric Geter and Norris Brown on the corners.

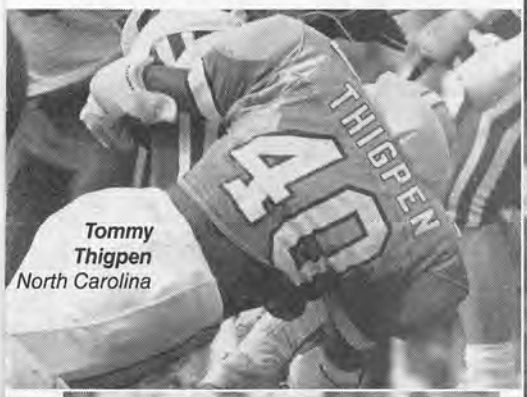
The Tigers saw their streak of at least 10 victories in a season snapped at four in 1991. Expect them to get back on track this fall.

VIRGINIA

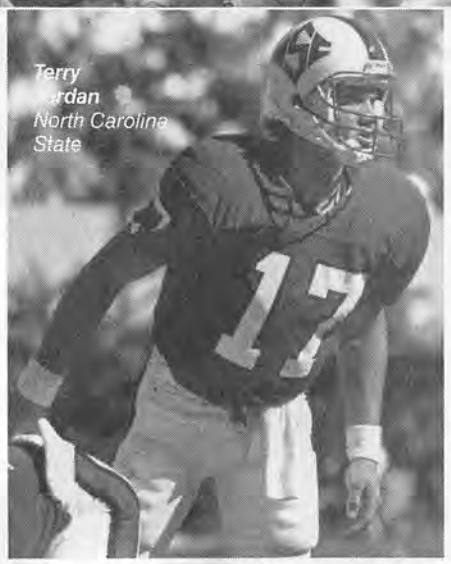
(8-3-1) For so long, the Cavaliers earned football fame only for their futility. They lost thirty-something games in a row during one stretch. Their winning seasons came along about once in a decade. Their failures against Clemson became a national joke. But all that's ancient history now.

"Virginia is at the point where they're going to be good every year," North Carolina coach Mack Brown said.

Indeed, the Cavaliers are coming off their third straight splendid season with 17 returning starters from an 8-3-1 team that fashioned a 7-0-1 finishing kick to the regular season. The architect is coach George Welsh. He's guided the Cavaliers to four bowl games in five years and five in eight seasons. Virginia had a 33-121-1 ACC record before he arrived. They're 38-26-3 since.



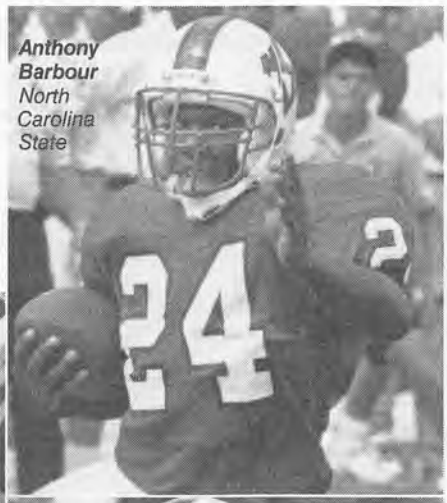
Tommy Thigpen North Carolina



Terry Jordan North Carolina State

The '91 season illustrated the quality of the program. They had lost 15 starters from an 8-4 squad, yet ended the year in the Gator Bowl. They led the ACC in scoring offense (28.5 ppg) and scoring defense (10.8 ppg) and in general erased any doubts. Tailback Terry Kirby and defensive end Chris Slade headline the '92 squad, which must replace a quarterback who did not throw an interception all season and both defensive tackles.

Two-time all-ACC Kirby begins the season ranked No. 7 on Virginia's career rushing list. The 6-3, 217-pound senior led the team in rushing (887 yards) and receiving (37 catches for 406 yards). The line must replace first-round NFL draft choice Ray Roberts, but experience abounds with center Tim Samec leading the cast. Gary Steele returns at fullback, and the receiving corps is deep. The move of Larry Holmes from the secondary to wide receiver in the season's third week provided a big-play threat. He caught 27 passes for 462 yards and eight TDs. Senior Bobby Goodman gets first crack at replacing Matt Blundin at quarterback. In two starts last year,



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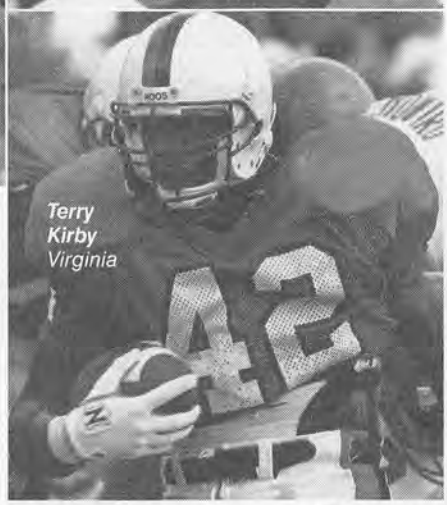


Terry Kirby Virginia

he completed 22 of 36 passes for 348 yards.

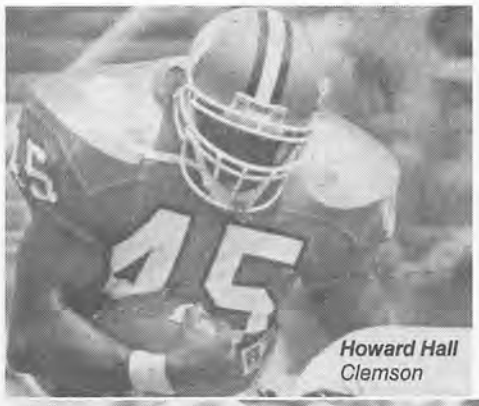
Slade leads a unit that ranked fourth nationally in scoring defense and sixth in pass efficiency defense. A 6-5, 235-pound senior, he set a school record with 14 sacks, boosting his career total to 25, and made 99 tackles, high on the team. P.J. Killian and Gene Toliver return at linebacker and safety, Keith Lyle and cornerback Greg Jeffries in the secondary. Tackles Ken Miles and Marcus Washington battled injuries last season. Mark Krichbaum played in every game and started three, and Ryan Kuehl moves from defensive end.

It's a rosy picture, one that has become the rule rather than the exception at Virginia.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

(9-3) Maybe it's an embarrassment of riches to have three returning quarterbacks who started and won games last season. More it's a testament to a deep program prepared for any contingency. Indeed, the Wolfpack has enjoyed some of its finest football in six seasons under coach Dick Sheridan, playing in five bowls and compiling a 43-26-2 record. This season promises more of the same with 14 starters returning.

The Wolfpack's biggest challenge will be rebuilding the offensive front, where only center Todd Ward and tackle Scott Woods return. The unexpected loss of guards Mike Gee, a two-year starter, and Brent Bagwell, a key reserve, to career-ending injuries compound the task. On the plus side is the wealth of experienced personnel at the skill positions. Terry Jordan heads the trio of quarterbacks that includes Geoff Bender and Terry Harvey. Jordan completed 56 percent of his passes for 511 yards before breaking his arm in the fourth game. He returned to earn the Wolfpack's offensive MVP award in the Peach Bowl. Anthony Barbour (769 yards, 6.2 average), Gary Downs, and Aubrey Shaw are all



Howard Hall Clemson

Chris Slade Virginia

proven tailbacks, and four veterans, led by Greg Manior, return at fullback. All-ACC wide receiver Charles Davenport is among the missing, but Ray Griffis and Reggie Lawrence head a cast of veterans.

State yielded only 304 yards and 16.8 points per game a year ago, and eight regulars are back. The secondary, which combined for 225 tackles and 12 interceptions, returns intact. Sebastian Savage and Dewayne Washington man the corners and Ricky Turner and Mike Reid the safeties. Outside linebacker Tyler Lawrence (four sacks, eight tackles

for losses, one interception) is State's big-play man. Middle guard Ricky Logo and tackle John Akins anchor the line, and David Merritt heads the linebacking corps that must replace leading tackler Billy Ray Haynes.

NORTH CAROLINA

(7-4) The Tar Heels continued their surge to respectability under coach Mack Brown in 1991. More of the same is forecast for this season, but their record might not reflect the progress. "We've gone from awful to competitive," Brown said. To challenge for the title, they'll need a quick fix in the offensive line.

Fourteen starters are back from the squad that gave North Carolina its first back-to-back winning seasons in almost a decade. Foremost among them are tailback Natrone Means and linebacker Tommy Thigpen, both all-ACC.

Positive indicators include: (1) The 60.1 pass-completion percentage is second-best in school history. (2) The defense surrendered the fewest yards since 1983 and shut out its first conference foe since '82. (3) Of the 33 touchdowns, 22 came on drives of at least 60 yards, and 25 of at least 50 yards. (4) And Means, the ACC's leading rusher (1,030 yards), is the school's 11th player to rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

"We don't have to struggle just to win a game," Brown said.

Means, who averaged 103 yards per game, and Randy Jordan (56.2) give UNC a potent one-two punch at tailback. But, said Brown, "We're not going to be a great football team by just lining up and running." Thus, expect quarterbacks Jason Stanicek, Chuckie Burnette, and Mike Thomas to pass more on early downs. Wide receiver Corey Holliday will be a prime target. He's caught a pass in 22 straight games and had 40 receptions for 504 yards a year ago. But only center Randall Parsons returns in the offensive line, and rapid development is critical.

The defense should be strong. Thigpen has averaged 10 tackles a game throughout his career, and he has 16 games with 10 or more. Tackle Austin Robbins and middle guard J.R. Boldin anchor the line, and Jonathan Perry is excellent at outside linebacker. Cornerback Thomas Smith heads the secondary, where all the starters return.

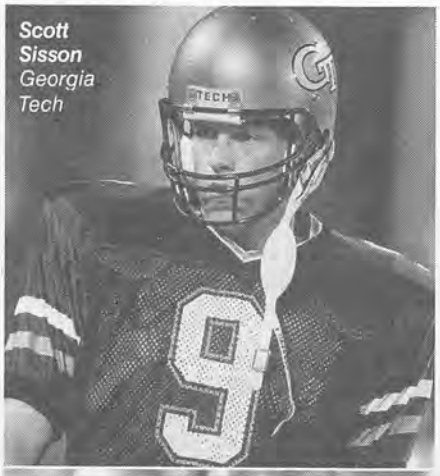
The Tar Heels won three of their last four a year ago and the schedule is favorable for a quick start his season. UNC opens at Wake Forest, then plays six of seven at home.

"Our next step is to move into the upper echelon," Brown said. "We've reached a time where we think we have a chance."

GEORGIA TECH

(8-5) The Yellow Jackets opened defense of their share of the national championship with high hopes in 1991, but they never really clicked. They lost two conference games early, barely survived against I-AA Furman, and bowed to archrival Georgia. A victory over Stanford in the Aloha Bowl soothed some wounds, and new coach Bill Lewis hopes to use that triumph for a springboard into 1992. Lewis, who guided East Carolina to its miracle '91 season, replaced Bobby Ross, who resigned to become head coach of the San Diego Chargers. Lewis finds some key ingredients missing, but he also inherits 11 starters, including quarterback Shawn Jones.

"Shawn gives you so many ways to attack people," Lewis said. "We want to utilize him in every way." Barring injury, Jones should finish his career with the conference records for total offense and touchdowns responsible for. He'll be high on the career passing yardage chart, too. Last season, he accounted for 2,649 yards (361 rushing) and 18 TDs.


Scott Sisson
Georgia Tech

Jimy Lincoln
Georgia Tech

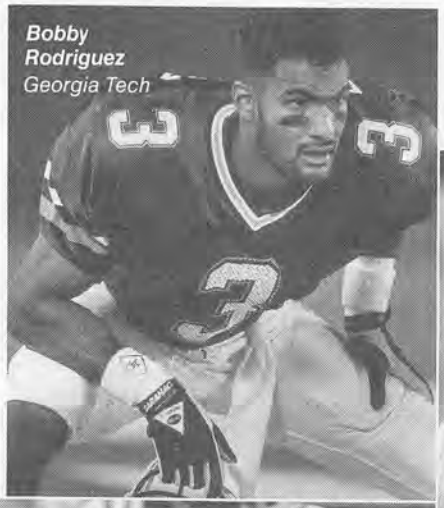
The inexperienced backfield of 1991 is the experienced backfield of '92, and Jimy Lincoln, the ACC's Rookie of the Year, should thrive. He rushed for 913 yards, an average of 76.1 per game, third-best in the league. The line, however, is a source of concern. Graduation claimed four regulars, and two projected starters have been lost to injury.

The defense took some major personnel losses, too. All-America safety Ken Swilling, injured much of last year, cornerback Willie Clay, and linebacker Jerrelle Williams, Tech's career leader in tackles, graduated, and linebacker Marco Coleman went to the NFL after his junior season. Tackle Coleman Rudolph, who recorded 13 sacks and seven tackles for losses, will head the defense.

"Its an exciting challenge," Lewis said. "I've got better football talent than I've ever had."

MARYLAND

(2-9) Coach Mark Duffner takes command of the Terps' program and will give Maryland a new look. His offense of choice is the run-and-shoot and the defense will be built on speed


Bobby Rodriguez
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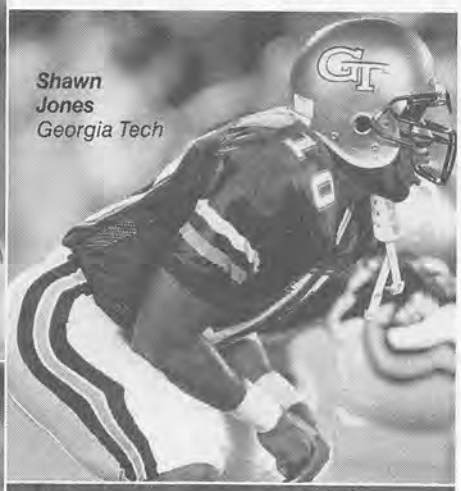
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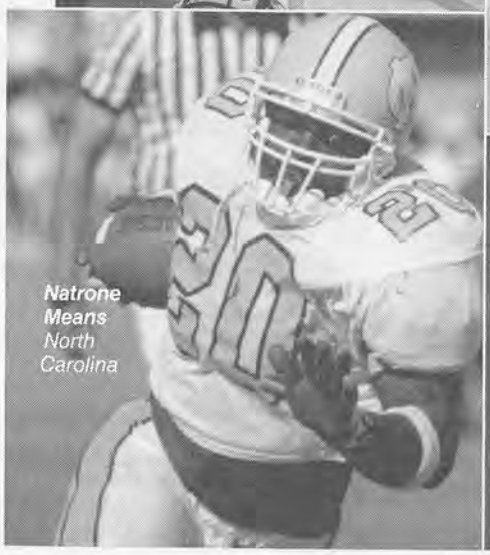

Natrone Means
North Carolina

Kevin Tisdel
Georgia Tech

and disruption, styles and philosophies that served him well at Holy Cross. "I think we've got some outstanding young talent to work with," he said.

Indeed, 14 starters return, and receiver Frank Wycheck figures prominently in the plans. A 6-3, 234-pound junior, he caught 45 passes for 438 yards a year ago and owns the ACC record for receptions in two seasons. Toss in veterans Marcus Badgett, Richie Harris, and Jason Kremus. They'll see plenty of action in the run-and-shoot. Mark Mason ranked among the ACC leaders in rushing and all-purpose yards until he broke his leg in the fifth game. His return provides another proven weapon. The offensive line has four regulars back. Plus, Steve Ingram, considered the team's best lineman, returns after suffering a broken leg in the season's first game. That leaves quarterback to make the run-and-shoot work. John Kaleo and soph Tony Scarpino have the only experience.

The defense requires a major overhaul. The Terps ranked last in the ACC in total defense (421.3 yards per game) and scoring defense (27.6). Look for the new scheme to utilize linebacker Mike Jarmolowich, who made a league-high 153 tackles. Dave Marrone returns at linebacker, as does Scott Rosen, lost for 1991 in the first game.

"We're going to change the way our people think," Duffner said. "We want them to be confident and aggressive. That's as important as any new defensive scheme."

DUKE

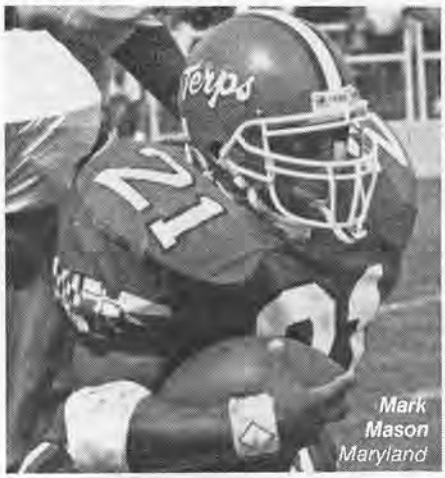
(4-6-1) The Blue Devils received a post-spring practice jolt that sends their stock from middle-of-the-pack to second division. Quarterback Dave Brown reversed his field and decided to turn pro, making himself available for the NFL's supplemental draft. "Obviously, the timing is not good," coach Barry Wilson said. He talked confidently of other good quarterbacks on the squad, but replacing Brown will not be easily done. A 6-5, 210 pounder scheduled to graduate in July, Brown led the ACC in total offense (2,851 yards) and touchdown passes (20) last season. Wilson will choose his quarterback from among senior Steve Prince, juniors Todd Decker and Jon Jensen, and sophomore Spence Fischer.

Better news for the Blue Devils comes from Randy Cuthbert, who led the ACC in rushing in 1989. Injuries slowed him in '90 and limited him to two games last season. "With him in the lineup, teams can't just focus on our passing game," Wilson explained. Tackles Brandon Moore and Matt Williams and guard Steve Alderfer give Duke a solid base in the line; Stanley Dorsey returns at wide receiver.

The defense gets a boost from a player returning from the sidelines, too. Middle guard Scott Youmans, who missed much of 1990 with an ankle injury and suffered a broken leg in the second game last season, gives Duke a dominating player in the middle. "He was effective despite getting double-teamed last season," Wilson said. Warren Scoville returns at tackle. Derrick Jackson is back at strong safety and linebacker will be solid with Duane Marks, Darrell Spells, and Travis Pearson.

Lack of depth often is a problem for Duke, and the injuries contributed to an 0-5 finish in '91. Brown's decision was a hard blow, at least in the short term. And the schedule... the Blue Devils open at Florida State.

Keith West
Wake Forest


Mark Mason
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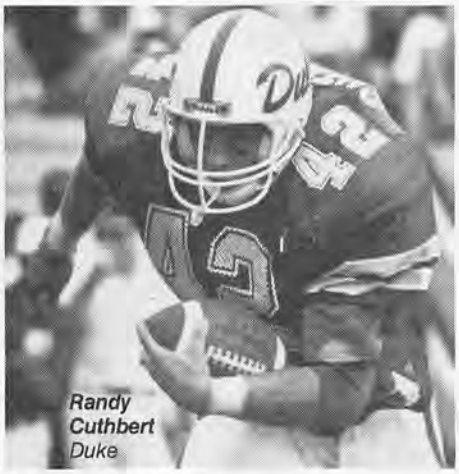
Randy Cuthbert
Duke

WAKE FOREST

(3-8) The Deacons have some solid players returning—they just don't have enough of them. This could be the most talented team coach Bill Dooley has had in his six years, but he noted, "An injury or two makes such a big difference in our situation."

The Deacons won two of their last three games, and Dooley hopes to build on the positive finish. Quarterback Keith West especially showed improvement after a shaky first half of the season. West rebounded to finish with 1,969 yards passing and a 51.7 completion percentage. However, he must cut down on his 18 interceptions. Wake's No. 1 guy is tight end John Henry Mills, who caught 51 passes. He heads a group of receivers that includes four others with at least 15 receptions apiece. Todd Dixon, who averaged 19.9 yards per catch, provides a deep threat. John Leach (503 yards rushing, 22 receptions) returns at tailback, with Mitch Kennedy at fullback. Center Mike Siders, guard Tommy Mordica, and tackles Tom Kleinlein and David Lowe are veteran starters, but depth is scarce.

The defense is blessed with experience everywhere except on the interior line. The secondary should be the strength of the unit with three-year starters George Coghill (four interceptions, 12.5 yards per punt return) and Ron Lambert at cornerback and free safety Lamont Scales.

Maurice Miller, last year's MVP, and Mike McCrary are the ends. Miller led the team with 91 tackles and McCrary had 10 sacks among his 16 tackles for losses. Scot Shelhamer and sophs Kevin Giles and Mike Neubeiser form a solid nucleus at inside linebacker.

The schedule, however is not kind. The Deacons had to drop I-AA Western Carolina to create an opening for Florida State.

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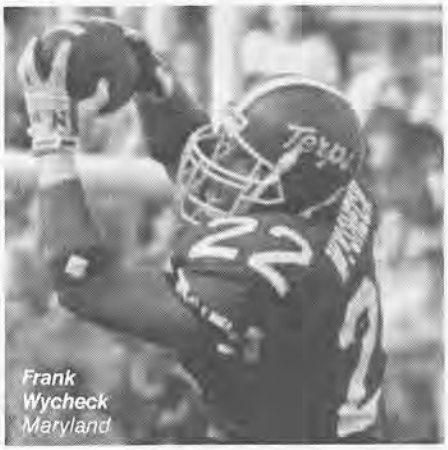
EAST CAROLINA

(11-1) A year ago, the Pirates hoped they could win. Now, they know they can after a Cinderella 1991 season marred only by a 38-31 opening loss at Illinois. They rebounded to win the rest, whipping South Carolina, Pittsburgh, and Syracuse en route to earning a Peach Bowl bid. And there they earned their biggest triumph: a come-from-behind conquest of neighborhood rival N.C. State.

A lot has changed since. Coach Bill Lewis parlayed the big season into the head-coaching job at Georgia Tech. Quarterback Jeff Blake is gone, as is linebacker Robert Jones. The new head coach is Steve Logan, the Pirates offensive coordinator. He'll need to choose between sophomore Michael Anderson and senior Sean McConnell at quarterback, and he'll need replacements for 11 other departed starters. Youngsters penciled in for immediate contributions are tight end Carlester Crumpler, linebackers Ernie Lewis and Adrian Barnhill, and wide receivers Dia Hicks and Morris Letcher. Senior tackle Tom Scott (6-7, 338) is the leader on the offensive line.


Frank Wycheck
Maryland

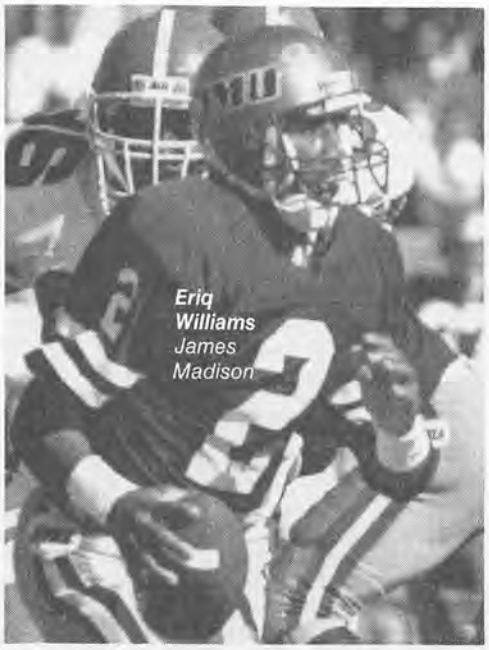
Look to outside linebacker Jerry Dillon and safety Greg Grandison to lead the defense. Dillon made 75 tackles last season, including 8½ for losses. Grandison, who originally signed with Florida, came to East Carolina from junior college last season and made 100 tackles. He returned an interception 95 yards for a touchdown against Virginia Tech.

LIBERTY

(4-7) The Flames return a wealth of experience from a team that defeated I-AA champion Youngstown State and suffered four losses by a total of nine points. Coach Sam Rutigliano anticipates a much improved record.

Record-setting quarterback Robby Justino, who has thrown for 42 touchdowns and over 6,000 yards in two seasons, heads the seven regulars back on offense. Dion Cook, who missed most of '91 with a stress fracture, and James McKnight (25 catches, 424 yards) will be his main receivers. Providing protection will be a line anchored by Bryant Bowden, Curtis Nivens, and Eric Autenreith.

Cornerback Wesley McConnell, who Rutigliano believes could play in the NFL, will be the leader on defense. He made 67 tackles, collected three sacks, and intercepted five passes last season. Shelton Lewis, a reserve in '91, and redshirt freshman Sedrick Watkins and Ramon George are expected to earn starting roles. Ends Larkin Harsey and Bobby Walker lead the defensive line. James Downey, injured in the first game, will be a welcome asset at linebacker if he's healthy. Regular Paul Frazier and part-time starter Hud Harsey also return at linebacker.


Eriq Williams
James Madison

Dan Whitehead, who earned the starting job at midseason and led the team with 52 points, will take care of the placekicking.

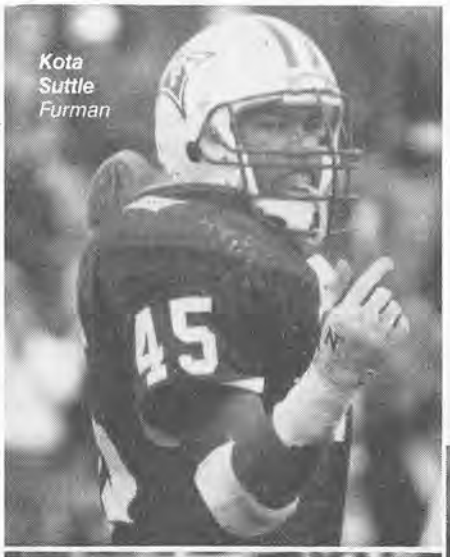
JAMES MADISON

(9-4) The Dukes learned to take care of the football in 1991 and made their first season under coach Rip Scherer one to remember. This year could be more of the same if the offensive line develops.

The cast of veterans includes most starters at the skill positions, and heading the list is quarterback Eriq Williams and tailback Kenny Sims. Williams, a third-team All-America, passed for 2,141 yards and 21 TDs and rushed for 648 yards and 13 TDs in continuing to rewrite the school record book. Sims added 1,459 yards and 12 TDs rushing. David McLeod (34 catches, eight TDs) will be the chief receiver. But only two starters in the line are back, and that's cause for concern.

Four starters, but 14 of the top 22 players, are back on defense, and Scherer hopes for vast improvement. En route to their best season ever in '91, the Dukes often got into scoring duels and yielded 24 or more points in nine games.

This will be James Madison's last season among the independents before beginning play in the Yankee Conference in 1993, and the schedule is again challenging: Virginia Tech, Central Florida, Youngstown State, and Georgia Southern on the road, and Southern Conference champion Appalachian, Liberty, and William & Mary at home.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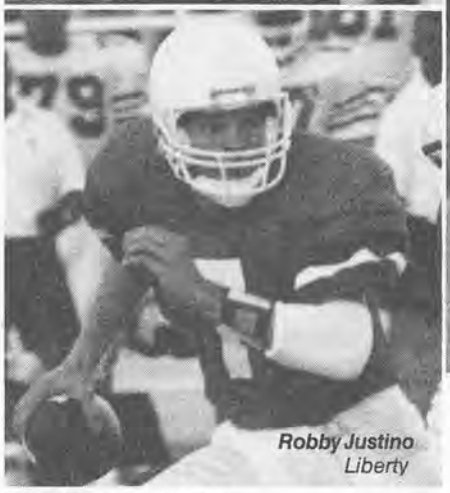
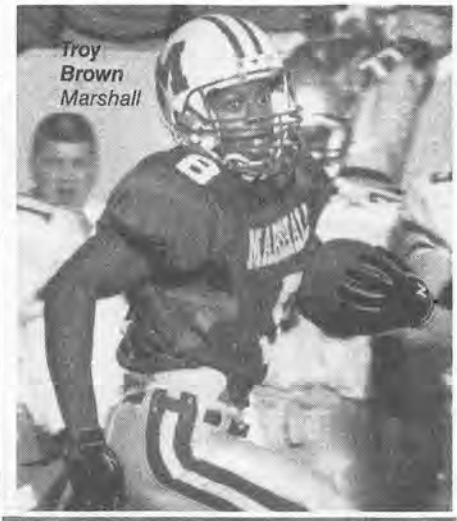

Robby Justino
Liberty

WILLIAM & MARY

(5-6) At first glance, the loss of the top weapons in their offensive arsenal would be a harbinger of hard times for the Indians. But looks can be deceiving and coach Jimmye Laycock's 12th William & Mary team likely will contend for the I-AA playoffs.

Fifteen returning starters will ease the transition to a new quarterback. Gone is record-setting Chris Hakel (chosen by the Redskins in the fourth round of the NFL draft). Missing, too, is tailback Robert Green, a four-year starter and the school's career rushing leader. Todd Durkin and Shawn Knight will battle to direct the offense that averaged 31 points per game against I-AA's second-toughest schedule. James Blocker-Bodley, primarily a kick-returner for two seasons, gets first crack at tailback. He averaged 5.6 yards per carry in limited duty last season. Scott Wingfield remains solid at fullback. The receiving corps is well-stocked with Corey Ludwig (834 yards), Mike Tomlin, Terry Hammons, Joe Person, and Lance Morabito. Guards Tom Walters and Howard Maycon and tackles Steve Ford and Rob Light and center Rob Schmollinger comprise the offensive line.

The good news on defense is that nine starters return. The bad news is the unit surrendered 29 points per game. However, improvement should come if the Indians can avoid the rash of injuries that decimated the secondary. Linebacker Adrian Rich, tackles Mark Tyler and Craig Staub, and end Alex Utecht will lead the front seven, and Palmer Scarritt, Rich Kinsman, and Rich Allaway the secondary.


Troy Brown
Marshall

Orlando Hatchett
Marshall

TOWSON STATE

(1-10) Towson State set several school records a year ago, but most fall into the not-wanted category: most losses, most points surrendered, and so on. Sixteen starters return with the goal of reversing the trend.

Long-time assistant Gordy Combs becomes head coach and expects a much bet-

ter offense. The line will be playing together for the third season, sophomore quarterback Dan Crowley established himself last fall, and Purdue transfer Tony Vinson offers promise at tailback. Crowley made five starts last season and passed for 1,783 yards and 16 TDs. He must curb his interceptions (22, including seven in one game). Tackles Karl Nieberlein and John Loch, guard Greg Lohr, and center Michael Gunthrop should lead a solid line. Lohr (6-2, 250) is considered the school's finest offensive lineman ever.

southern conference

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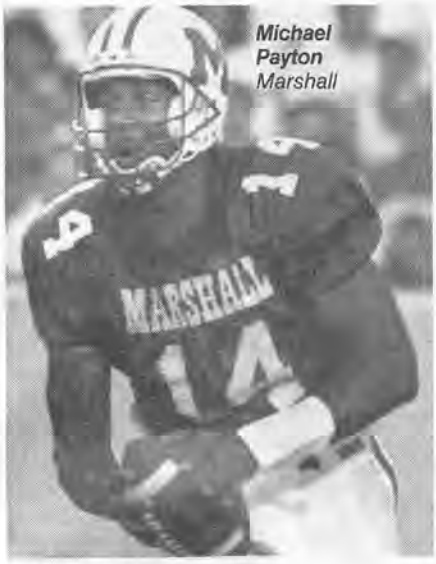
How did Marshall University, destined to miss the national championship by eight points, lose, 9-3, last August 31 at Appalachian State, a team it had clobbered, 50-0, only 10 months earlier? Appalachian, a sound, defensive-minded team, rode the momentum of that season-opening upset to an unexpected Southern Conference title. Marshall, a flashier, more offensive-minded crew, finished second before making its postseason surge.

In recent months, Marshall third-year coach Jim Donnan has talked frequently about complacency. He is well aware of the talent on his senior-laden Thundering Herd. He is well aware that his team, 25-17 losers to Youngstown State in last December's I-AA title bout, will be the No. 1 pick in many preseason polls. How to keep a Herd focused?

"We've still got to prove ourselves in our own league," said Donnan. "That will keep everyone motivated. Everybody's going to be telling us how good we are and all of that, but our No. 1 priority remains the same: to win the Southern Conference."



Michael Payton Marshall

MARSHALL

(11-4) Welcome to the season of great expectations. Sixteen starters are back from last year's I-AA runner-up, and the schedule seems softer than usual, with Marshall playing host to the perennial league powers Appalachian, Furman, and Tennessee-Chattanooga. Even the annual I-A "money" game, against Missouri, seems winnable. Earlier this year, the I-AA football committee chose Marshall's year-old stadium as the site of the next two national championship games, which means that if the Herd cruises into the playoffs, as expected, it likely will never have to leave home. What more could you ask for?

The defense should be improved, but a dynamic offense is what makes this team so dangerous. Most acknowledge last year's Southern Offensive Player of the Year, senior quarterback Michael Payton, as the top I-AA playmaker east of the Mississippi. As a junior, the strong-armed Payton threw for 3,392 yards and 26 scores, and set a Division I standard for pass efficiency rating (182.32), breaking the mark set by Jim McMahon.

Payton will have plenty of support. By air, the top target is Troy Brown, a spectacular wideout (38-822, 21.6 avg.) and special-teams star (I-AA-record four kick returns for scores, national-best 38.8 yards per kickoff). Other offensive options include tailback Orlando Hatchett (879 yards), fullback Glenn Pedro (744, 13 TDs), and tight end Mike Bartrum (40-435). Senior guard Phil Ratliff might be the top lineman in I-AA.

Across the line of scrimmage is a front seven that coach Jim Donnan says "matches up with anybody's in the country." Senior tackle Byran Litton leads the line while Donahue Stephenson, the team's top tackler, heads a swarming group of linebackers.

APPALACHIAN STATE

(8-4) Their offense—a handoff here, a short screen there—isn't all that pretty. There is a hard-running, durable back, sophomore Chip Hooks, who pounded away for 1,117 yards on 211 attempts last season. There is the quarterback who rarely errs (or goes deep), veteran D.J. Campbell, who threw for 1,517 yards, just 5.8 yards per attempt and a mere seven touchdowns. And there is that line—that big, hulking, five-man front that makes this most methodical of offenses click.

When you think Mountaineer football, though, you do not think offense. "Defensively," said VMI coach Jim Shuck, "they have the best athletes in the conference." Foremost among them is league Defensive Player of the Year Rico Mack, one of four starters back in Appalachian's swarming linebacking corps. The Mountaineers are hardly a one-man show, though. Other potential all-league candidates include linebacker Brent David, tackle Avery Hall, and end Sean Swoope.

While Mack and Hooks are both fine players, senior punter Harold Alexander may be the Mountaineers' most dangerous. He topped I-AA in effectiveness a year ago, averaging just over 47 yards per boot. Additionally, Alexander dropped 23 punts inside the 20-yard line and had 29 kicks of 50-plus yards. "He's the best punter on the planet," raved Marshall coach Jim Donnan. "He makes things so tough on your offense," added The Citadel's Charlie Taaffe.

TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA

(7-4) UTC coach Buddy Nix recently scoffed at a reporter's suggestion that the Moccasins' mighty offense might struggle some with talented tailback Muhammad Shamsid-Deen and wideout Shoun Habersham both off to the NFL. "We've got a running back, Jerry Ellison, who runs a 4.3 40 and should be better than Muhammad ever was," Nix said. "And receivers are never a problem here. We've got a couple of guys who can fill in right away."

If this is indeed the case—if Nix can find able replacements for Shamsid-Deen, Habersham, and departed receiver Tony Head—then the Mocs should not be overlooked in the race for the Southern Conference crown. Already, UTC has senior runner James Roberts (854 yards while splitting time with Shamsid-Deen). If Ellison, a junior, and young wideouts Bobby Acree and Sammy Hadley step up, look out. Soph quarterback Kenyon Earl can beat you with the run or the pass. "He's in that Michael Payton mold," said VMI coach Jim Shuck. "In time, he can be that good."

The defense, with eight starters back, could be pretty good as well. The entire front line returns, including David Masterson, a senior end who rates among the league's best. Two starting linebackers and a pair of defensive backs must be replaced. But, said Nix, "We've got a bunch of young guys who just haven't been given the opportunity to play much. Replacing last year's seniors shouldn't be a problem."

FURMAN

(7-4) Furman fourth? If ever there was a sign of the unparalleled parity in the upper echelon of the Southern Conference, this is it. The Purple Paladins—perennially the preseason favorites, winning eight league titles in the 1980s—may be in for a year of learning how the other half has lived for so many years. Make no mistake about it, this is a good, playoff-caliber team. But in a league that already showcases senior-laden Marshall, Appalachian State, and Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1992 may be the first year since '84 that the Paladins aren't among the top three.

Just four starters return to an offense that rang up 33 points per game a year ago. Swift senior tailback Carl Tremble, the league's premier runner, is back after a 927-yard, 11-touchdown, nine-game season. Junior quarterback Hugh Swilling, the league's No. 2 passer (1,422 yards and 14 TDs in nine games) has star potential. The problem is that senior tackle B.J. Estes is the only starter back to block for Swilling & Co.

This should be a typical Furman team on defense: suffocating, stunting, hard-hitting. Senior linebacker Kota Suttle is the best of the group, while rushing end Ryan Livezey (conference-high nine sacks in '91) and cornerback Jason Grant are among the best at their positions. Grant, an all-league pick in '90, went down with a severe knee injury in last season's fourth game, missing six of the final seven. With Grant, Furman was 4-0. After the injury, the Paladins were 3-4.

THE CITADEL

(7-4) Jack Douglas may be the most slithery, slippery back of them all in the run, run, run Southern Conference. The senior quarterback operates Charlie Taaffe's wishbone offense at a frenetic, oft-unstoppable pace. He has become, as Marshall coach and former Oklahoma offensive coordinator Jim Donnan put it, "the Jamelle Holieway of I-AA."

While Douglas and the gang are capable of putting up as many yards as anyone in the

league—Douglas alone danced for a conference-best 1,152 a season ago—the Bulldogs' depleted defense may be surrendering some gaudy numbers itself. All-league free safety Lester Smith is all that's left of a secondary that suffocated opposing passing games in recent years. He and a pair of lesser-known linebackers, Jim Wilson and Rob Briggs, are the only returning starters on a defense that was susceptible to the run in 1991. "Defensively," Taaffe said with a sigh, "we have a major overhaul to do."

Douglas, No. 13 in rushing in I-AA last year, spearheads a unit that returns 10 first-stringers and showcases slashing runners Everette Sands (761 yards) and Cedric Sims (615). Two-time all-conference tackle Carey Cash anchors the line that lost only its center, Pat Chapman, to graduation.

The fate of these Bulldogs—who wound up on the wrong side of the playoff bubble last year after finishing tied for 20th place in the final I-AA poll—will depend largely on how the defensive newcomers respond. A light non-conference schedule that features Newberry, Wofford, and Army will help ease the transition. If all goes accordingly, the Bulldogs could push UTC and Furman for third place.

WESTERN CAROLINA

(2-9) No one finished 1991 on a more torrid pace than Kevin Thigpen, Western Carolina's spritely junior tailback. Hampered throughout much of last year's first half with ankle and thigh injuries, Thigpen scampered for nine scores and averaged 117 yards over the final five games, including a 146-yard afternoon in a 27-24 upset of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Thigpen is just one of a bevy of promising young talents on a Catamount roster that returns 16 starters. Sophomore receiver and special-teams dynamo Kerry Hayes, another of the conference's rising stars, caught 29 balls for 417 yards and averaged 109.3 all-purpose yards per game. While there is unlimited potential in Western Carolina, there are also question marks. Most significant: Can junior quarterback Lonnie Galloway rebound from the separated shoulder he suffered in the sixth game of last season? If so, wideouts Hayes and classmate Craig Aiken could have a splendid season.

Defensively, the strength is a stifling secondary, one that brings back two-time all-league senior cornerback Willie Williams and junior strong safety Stanley Marrow. The inexperienced line may suffer some, with Tony Johnson the sole returning starter, but the linebackers are solid. Tom Bodine and Kenny Banks are the big-play guys.

"We are still a young team," said Western coach Steve Hodgin. But a team with the proper direction. While 1992 may not be the year that the Catamounts make much noise in the Southern Conference, the wait may not be too much longer.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

Before we go into any prognosticating, we might as well get this out of the way right here, right now. It has been 10 long, agonizing seasons since a VMI football team posted a winning season.

There. It has been said. Next, we pose the very same question that the folks in Lexington, VA, have been posing these last 10 falls.

Is this the year? Is this finally the year?

"Finally," said VMI coach Jim Shuck, "we're in a position where I feel we can be competitive in the Southern Conference."

The wishbone offense that went wire-to-wire in 1991 as I-AA's most productive unit (316.9 ypg) loses tailback Scott Council but returns Marcus Mines and fullback Chris Meacham, who combined for over 1,300 rushing yards. Senior quarterback Tony Scales, who was plagued much of last season by an assortment of injuries, ran for 1,105 yards and eight touchdowns. "When he is healthy," said The Citadel's Charlie Taaffe, "Tony Scales is awfully hard to catch." Back too is one of the nation's premier offensive linemen, burly senior center Lorenzo Carpenter, whom Southern coaches voted the league's best blocker. Classmate Dan Lyle (26.5-yard average on 16 receptions), one of nine returning starters on offense, rates among the country's most reliable tight ends.

Jack Douglas
The Citadel

While the offense is potentially dangerous, the defense is potentially porous. New starters must be found at four positions, including both outside-linebacker spots. The good news is that all-league honorees Dewayne Arkadie (cornerback), Mike Perfetti (tackle), and Camillus Musselman (middle linebacker, team-high 130 tackles) all return.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

(1-10) Reports of the death of East Tennessee State football have been greatly exaggerated, according to first-year coach Mike Cavan. "There's some good talent here," said Cavan, who arrived in Johnson City via Valdosta State. "But we're young and not anywhere near where we want to be at any position."

Which does not necessarily mean that Buccaneer fans are in for another forgettable campaign like that of 1991. Not if a currently clouded quarterback situation is resolved before the start of the season. No quarterback on the Bucs roster has any college experience, though transfer Dell Kline and Travis Akins have potential. But if anyone can throw it, junior all-conference wideout Scott Dykes can catch it. Dykes, the league's No. 2 receiver last year (43-810), combines with sophomore wideout Chris Beatty (30-500) and junior tailback Cedric Watson to give the Bucs punch at the skill positions.

Cavan will have 17 returning first-stringers, nine on defense, to work with. Moe Kelly is one of the conference's elite defensive backs, while Marcus Huff and Richie Johnson make the linebacking a strength. A softer than usual non-league schedule (Charleston Southern, Mars Hill, and Morehead State) should make Cavan's rookie year more tolerable than coach Don Riley's final campaign.

mid-eastern athletic conference

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1. Delaware State, 2. South Carolina State, 3. North Carolina A&T, 4. Florida A&M, 5. Bethune-Cookman, 6. Howard, 7. Morgan State

Once upon a time, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship was the exclusive property of South Carolina State. From 1974 to 1983, the Bulldogs either won or shared nine of the MEAC's 10 titles. But after State's last championship, things began to change.

Delaware State, the league's perennial doormat, built a solid, run-oriented program and became an annual threat. North Carolina A&T rebounded from a few down seasons and now has its program in excellent shape. Florida A&M joined the league, bringing with it one of the strongest traditions in Division I-AA football, while Bethune-Cookman and Howard ramained consistent and made occasional trips to the top of the league. As a result, the MEAC, from top to bottom, is now as strong as it has ever been.

Last season, A&T and Delaware State finished tied for the league title, but the Aggies earned the MEAC bid to the inaugural Alamo-Heritage Bowl, where they were beaten by Alabama State. Del State and A&T will again be in the hunt for the league championship, but as is the recent custom in the MEAC, they'll have company. South Carolina State and Florida A&M will field well-coached, tremendously athletic units. Bethune-Cookman's passing attack, led by J.D. Hall, the league's top quarterback, will make the Wildcats dangerous, while Howard and Morgan State will continue to strive toward the first division.

DELAWARE STATE

(5-1, 9-2) Though the Hornets got out of the blocks a little slowly, a burst of speed in the final weeks propelled them to the finish line in a dead heat with A&T.

Delaware led the league in rushing, churning up almost 300 yards per game for coach Bill Collick, and had five of the league's top 12 runners. Collick must now find replacements for Michael Murray, the MEAC's top rusher, Doug Reed, and utility back Wendell Watson. Quarterback Erik Jones got better as the year went on, despite playing much of the season with a bad shoulder. He's back at full strength for his junior season, as are running backs Dakiel Shorts (461 yards), Phil Anderson, Dean Noel, and Bert Watson. Stanley Burris is back on the line, but the unit as a whole is a question mark due to heavy losses.

Defensively, LeRoy Thompson set a school record with 16 sacks and returns with linemen Shawn McClain and Craig Johnson. James Redding, a four-year starter at strong safety/outside linebacker, and soph James Moore will anchor the second line of defense, while all-league performer Brian Randall, Marc Mar-

shall, Chris Lea, and Nat Smith comprise a top notch secondary.

Where the Hornets could hold a big edge on their MEAC foes is in the kicking game. Last season, place-kicker John Jenson and punter Chuck Poplos were both first-team all-league as freshmen. With them plus the development of the offensive line and the running backs, it could be enough to push the Hornets into the MEAC's title perch.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

(3-3, 7-4) The old adage about offense selling tickets and defense winning games has been used almost too many times, but in some situations, it still holds true. One such situation involved last year's Bulldogs, who were a bit inexperienced on offense but were able to win seven games (and come within an eyelash of winning nine) largely because coach Willie Jeffries had an excellent defense.

Jeffries lost end Robert Porcher, the league's Defensive Player of the Year and a first-round NFL draft pick, and standout safety Ricky Hill, but returns eight starters. Vernon Grier, Todd Logan, Eugene Brown, and Darius Hadley form the secondary. Linebacker Jeremy Faulkner returns, as does lineman Damien Moses, but State needs more depth at both positions if they want to come close to duplicating last season's unit, which led all Division I-AA schools in total defense.

How far the Bulldogs go this season may depend on the offense. Last year, Robert Hemby and Marvin Marshall split time at quarterback. Both are back this season, as is all-league running back Antonio Mackey and a good receiving corps led by Quincy Miller, Rodney Hunter, and Herbert Shuler. Tackle Eric Funderburk is the top gun on the line, which despite losing two starters will still be one of the team's strongest areas.

State hasn't won an MEAC championship since 1983, a time span that must seem like an eternity to Bulldog fans. This is a championship-caliber team, but they'll have to be road warriors: State must travel to Florida A&M, Delaware State, and North Carolina A&T.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

(5-1, 9-3) When coah Bill Hayes looked around at spring practice, he probably shook his head more than once. Not at the players he saw on the field, but more at the players he didn't see. Quarterback Connell Maynor, the league's two-time Offensive Player of the Year, has used up his eligibility, taking with him his quick feet, an equally quick mind, and roughly 5,000 yards of total offense. Tight end Craig Thompson is also gone, as are defensive mainstays Kevin Little, Knox Thompson, Reggie White, and Chad Armstrong. The cupboard is far from bare, however.

Start with Barry Turner, a hard-running junior halfback and the league's leading returning rusher. He will be joined in Hayes's wing-T attack by James White and Michael Artis, who combined for 1,164 yards. The trio may have to carry the offense until either David Russell, Adrian Starks, or Maceo Bolin steps up at quarterback. Robert Holley and Richard Lide will spearhead the line.

Last year, A&T had an outstanding takeaway/giveaway ratio of +2 per game, and despite some heavy losses, there are still some quality performers remaining on defense. Charles Williams was second in sacks as a junior, and all Greg Brown and James Barger need to be effective linemen is more playing time, which they'll get this season. Linebackers Rodney Edwards and Leevary Covington may be the best pair in the league. And all-conference corner Alonza Barnett, who tied for the league lead in interceptions, returns in the secondary, along with hard-hitting Tommie McKoy and gifted sophomores Curtis Burgins and Barcardi Ayers.

FLORIDA A&M

(3-3, 6-5) Last season, the Rattlers were picked by many to win the MEAC, but they were snakebitten by a variety of problems, chief among them injuries to several offensive linemen. Teams with good defensive fronts began to dominate FAMU, which never regained the offensive continuity it had achieved in the first month of the year.

The offensive strength of this year's edition lies in its receivers, a talented group headed by the explosive Terry Mickens, Tyrone Davis, and James Thurman. Running back Chuck Duffey, who led the league in scoring, is also a valuable asset either coming out of the backfield on pass patterns or running the ball. Center Wally Williams returns, but FAMU must replace quarterback Tony Ezell, a four-year starter who threw for more than 2,000 yards last season. Keith Brown and Tracy Weldon are battling for the job.

The Rattlers boast the league's best defensive back in All-America free safety William Carroll, who finished with eight interceptions last season and was in on almost seven tackles per game. He'll be joined by corners Ken Riley II and Keino Taylor, who made noise as freshmen last season, and linebacker Eaion Connor. Marcus Lampkin anchors the line.

FAMU's first three games are against Georgia Southern, South Carolina State, and defending national champion Miami.

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

(3-3, 4-6) In Daytona Beach all eyes will be on two figures this season: one who has been around for a little while and one who will be stepping into the spotlight for the first time. With the graduation of A&T's Connell Maynor, Bethune's J.D. Hall, a three-year starter, now wears the crown as the league's top quarterback. Meanwhile, Sylvester Collins, who replaced the popular Larry Little, becomes the MEAC's newest coach.

Hall completed 50 percent of his passes for nearly 2,700 yards and 20 touchdowns. He was the main reason the Wildcats led the league for much of the season before losses to A&T and Florida A&M and another defeat by forfeit cost them any chance at the championship. Though Hall returns, Bethune did lose three split ends. The top returning receivers are tight ends Andre Howard and Devon Cole, while Keith Griffin, Anthony Bingham, and Edmund Lewis are the mainstays on what should be a good offensive line.

There are also key losses on the other side of the ball, especially in the line. But the team's perimeter defense should be good. Linebackers Reggie Roberts and James Wigfall are back, as are big-time safeties Leotis McNeil and Mark Harrington.

HOWARD

(1-5, 2-9), The Bison opened the 1991 season in excellent fashion, winning their first game, 62-0, then coming back with an impressive 28-21 victory over FAMU. But that's where the highlights ended. Playing against a brutal schedule that included Temple, NAIA powerhouse Central State of Ohio, and Alcorn State, Howard lost nine straight to close the season, including one to Morgan State—the Bears' only win of the season. Problems on the offensive line and inconsistency at quarterback played a major role in the tailspin, but coach Steve Wilson hopes those problems have been rectified.

Howard, on probation this season, possesses one of the MEAC's most exciting performers in wide receiver Gary Harrell, who led the team in receiving, scoring, and punt- and kickoff-return yardage. He will be joined on the flanks by Tony Hyman, who came on strong late in the season. Ryan Heathcock and Rupert Grant should be the nucleus of a sound running game and Terrill Hill will probably get the nod at quarterback, though he will be pushed by Jay Walker, a transfer from Long Beach State. Nigel Greene and Robert Carpenter form the backbone of the line.

Defensively, the Bison will build around end James Spears, one of the league's best; Tim Watson, a safety who hits like a linebacker; and back Neal Downing, who gives the team leadership and stability. The schedule is a little less demanding and a year of seasoning should do the interior lines on both sides of the ball some good. If they can perform well early and get some confidence, the Bison may just be a contender for the crown.

MORGAN STATE

(1-5, 1-10) Last season was one of adaptation for the Bears, but though things changed quite a bit, the record, unfortunately, was pretty much the same. Ricky Diggs's first team suffered through its first 10 games but ended the year with a 37-28 victory over Howard, its first in league play in two years.

This spring, the focus was on refining the team's run-and-shoot attack. The offense sputtered for much of the season before scoring almost one-third of 1991's points in the Howard game. Quarterback Orlando Persell, who accumulated 798 yards total offense in just five games, will get more of an opportunity to show his stuff, and either James Arnold or Marchell Boston will be the lone back behind him. Donte Carter is the only returning starter at split end, but Diggs is hoping for big things from Dupree Mixon and Tony Moore, a pair of transfers from Toledo.

Morgan was last in total defense last season, but that was not as telling a statistic as it might appear. The unit often played as well as it could for as long as it could, but was usually beaten down in the third and fourth quarters by bigger, stronger, and deeper opposing teams and by the inability of the Bears' offense to sustain drives. Matthew Steeple and Pierre Hubbard will anchor the linemen in the 3-4 set, while Marc Roberts and Thomas Perry, a pair of small but quick players, willl lead the linebackers. Look for the secondary to also emerge as the season wears on. Corner Eddie Hill and safeties Mario Rivers and James Pitt are quality players. □

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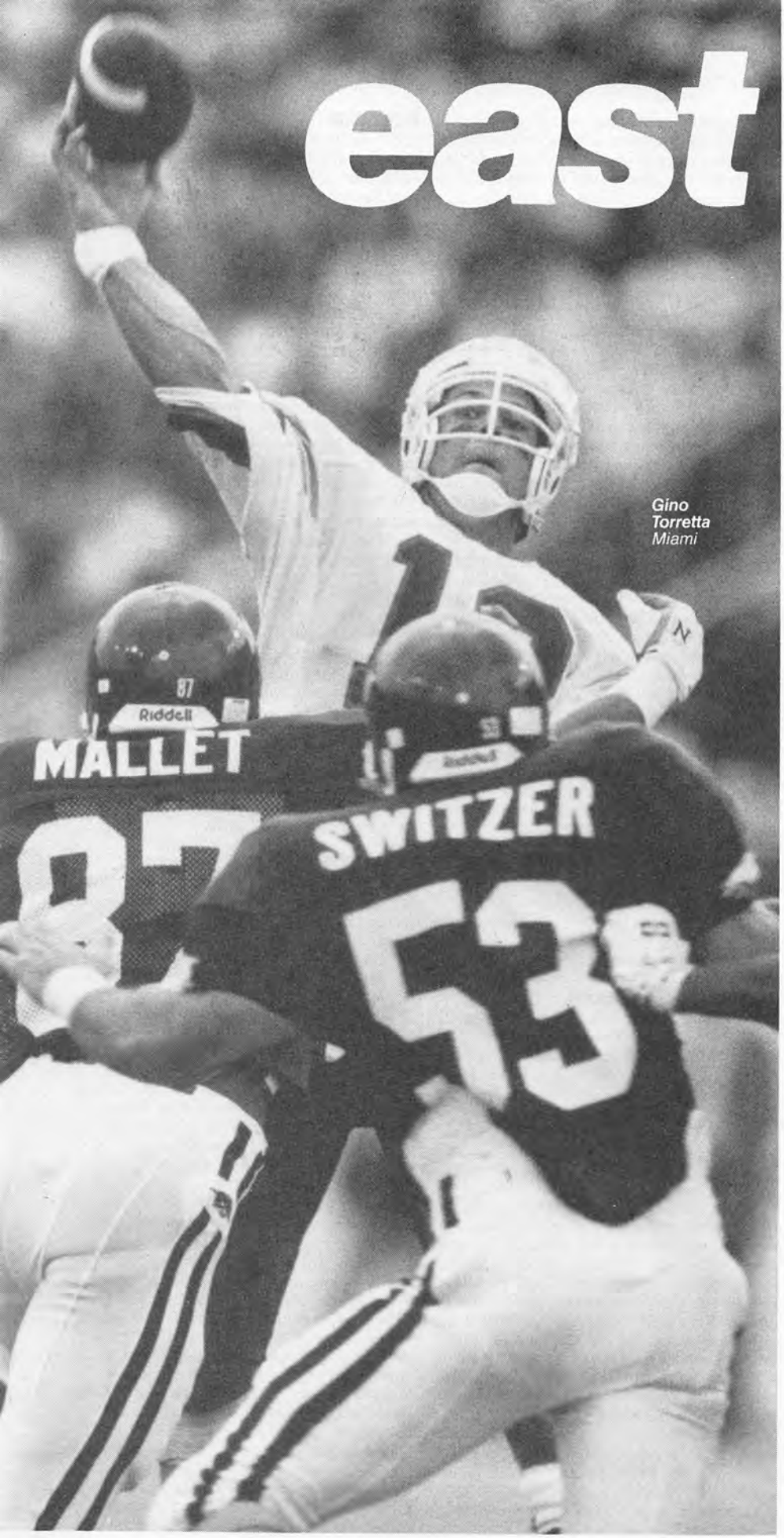

Gino Torretta
Miami

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1. Miami, 2. Syracuse, 3. Boston College, 4. West Virginia, 5. Pittsburgh, 6. Rutgers, 7. Virginia Tech, 8. Temple

MIAMI

The Miami Hurricanes believe this is the year of the repeat. "Hey, why not?" Miami quarterback Gino Torretta said after the spring scrimmage. "Duke did it." When the Duke Blue Devils defeated Michigan to win their second straight national title in basketball, it was seen as a sign by Miami. R-E-P-E-A-T. It's on everybody's mind, including that of coach Dennis Erickson, who signed a contract extension through 1996. When the 'Canes were honored as champions at halftime of a Miami basketball game last spring, Erickson worked the crowd into a frenzy with one word: "Repeat!" No college football team has repeated since Alabama in 1978 and '79.

The 'Canes return 14 starters from last year's 12-0 squad that shared the national title with Washington. It's the kind of talent that reminds locals of the 1987 team that turned out 12 NFL draft picks. That team also won the national championship. Miami's thinking dynasty as it goes for its fifth title in 10 years. It won't be easy. The 'Canes play at Iowa, Syracuse, and Penn State and play host to Florida State. They also will have the preseason No. 1 curse on their back again. They opened with the top ranking in 1990 after winning the national title in '89, and then they were upset in their first game (at Brigham Young). And this season has a quirky parallel to 1990. It's a coaching cliché that teams improve most from their first to second game. BYU had the advantage of a game under its belt and a home field before knocking off Miami two years ago. This year, Iowa opens in the Kickoff Classic. Then it will have the home-crowd advantage when Miami comes to open its season.

Still, the 'Canes are loaded. Offensively, they are typically skillful and speedy and have senior quarterback Gino Torretta back. "Gino is a proven winner," Erickson said. "He runs the offense better than anybody I've ever been around." Torretta completed 205 of 371 passes for 3,095 yards with 20 touchdowns and just eight interceptions. He showed an affinity for the big play, getting the season off to a bang with a school-record 99-yard touchdown pass to Horace Copeland against Arkansas in the first game. Torretta will get help from a stockpile of swift receivers and runners and some new schemes designed to buy him more time. The 'Canes experimented with the shotgun in the spring and have toyed with the idea of a no-huddle offense.

The offense will feature perhaps the nation's best receiving corps. Sure-handed leaper La-

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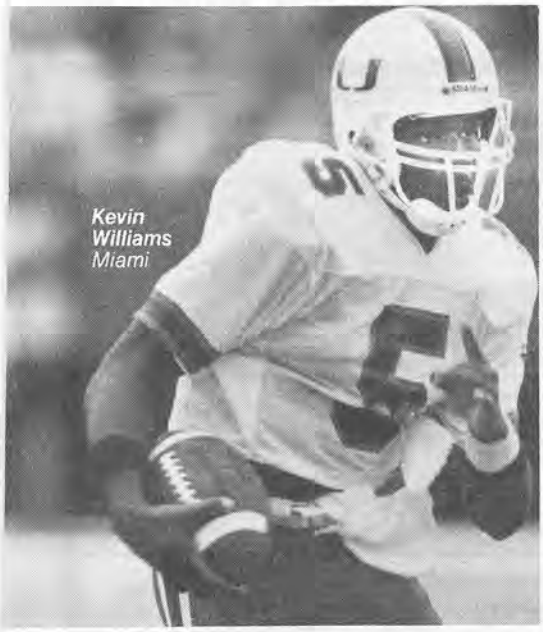
mar Thomas (39-623-6) is back for his senior season after leading the team in receptions. He will challenge Michael Irvin's career records. Copeland (31-592-4), another senior, and junior Kevin Williams (21-330-3) are breakaway threats and Darryl Spencer (28-380-1) and tight end Coleman Bell (27-376-1) are possession-type receivers.

The 'Canes hope senior fullback Steve McGuire (123 carries for 608 yards and 9 TDs) is rehabilitated from reconstructive knee surgery by Game 1. His season was cut short with serious ligament tears at Boston College in November. If healthy, he will be one of the nation's best. If not, the 'Canes have sophomore Larry Jones, a McGuire clone, to rely on. Jones soared toward stardom by rushing for 145 yards and winning the Orange Bowl MVP award. There's depth with soph Donnell Bennett and standout freshman James Stewart figuring to see a lot of time. The offense does have an Achilles' heel: the line. Only junior guard Rudy Barber and senior tackle Mario Cristobal return. The rebuilt unit was manhandled most of the spring.

Defensively, the 'Canes may be better than last year, when they were ranked No. 1 in the country in scoring defense (9.1 points per game). Darrin Smith, a Butkus Award semifinalist, is the backbone of the defense as the strong-side linebacker. Michael Barrow may be the best middle linebacker the school has ever had, and Jessie Armstead anchors the weak side. The three seniors all run like defensive backs. The line features only one senior, but it's a position of strength. Mark Caesar


Kevin Williams
Miami

anchors the interior with up-and-coming soph Pat Riley ready to excel. Rusty Medearis (20 career sacks) returns at end to hound quarterbacks with junior classmate Kevin Patrick. The secondary lost all but cornerback Ryan McNeil, but he's considered one of the nation's best cover men. He had five interceptions a year ago and should contend for the Jim Thorpe Award.

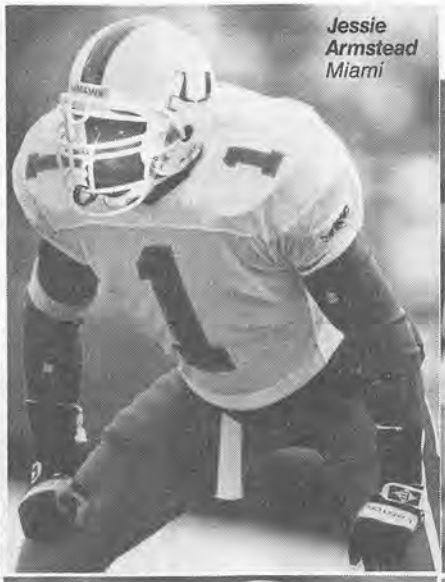
Place-kicking could be another soft spot. All-America Carlos Huerta will be hard to replace, as Miami coaches knew all too well in the spring. The job is freshman Dane Prewitt's; Paul Snyder returns as the punter.

SYRACUSE

The Orangemen exceeded all expectations in 1991 under first-year head coach Paul Pasqualoni. They capped a 10-2 record with a fifth consecutive postseason victory, beating Ohio State, 24-17, in the Hall of Fame Bowl, and wound up 11th in both major polls.

The surge should continue, for this could be one of the strongest teams ever at Syracuse, whose 46-12-3 record over the past five years is the nation's ninth-best. There's a wealth of talent at the skill positions and more than enough veterans to plug the few holes left by graduation. The Orange play a seven-game Big East schedule, a year earlier than mandated, and expect to contend for the conference championship. The Miami-Syracuse game in the Carrier Dome on November 21 not only will probably determine the Big East title, but it could possibly have national championship implications as well.

Eight starters return to an offense which averaged 364.9 yards and 27 points per game.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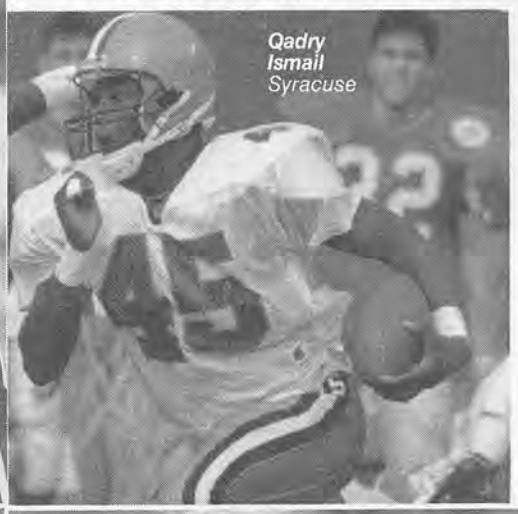
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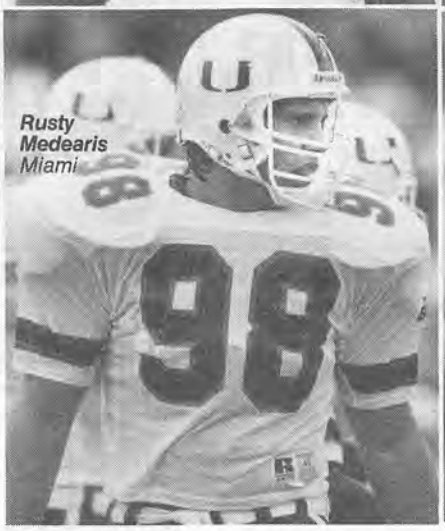
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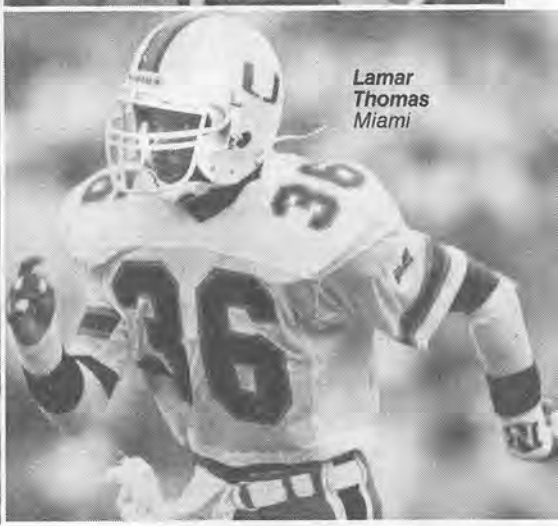
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Heisman Trophy candidate and sprinter Qadry Ismail, the school's first two-sport All-America since the legendary Jim Brown, ranks among the nation's best as a wide receiver and kick-returner. He piled up 1,384 all-purpose yards, averaging 20.4 yards per play. The backfield remains intact with quarterback Marvin Graves, tailback David Walker, and fullback Al Wooten. Graves, who completed 131 of 221 passes for 1,912 yards, hopes to be more productive running the option after being limited by nagging injuries. But Pasqualoni must develop a backup quarterback after moving Doug Womack to defense. Walker was the Big East rushing champion (969 yards). Wooten netted 208 yards and excelled as a blocker. Wideouts Ismail (37-693) and Shelby Hill (21-321) along with tight end Chris Gedney (25-322) remain Graves's top receivers. Terrence Wisdom is a standout in the reshaped offensive line, moving from guard to tackle. Center John Reagan and guard Jerry Sharp also return. Kyle Adams will pair with Wisdom, with either Matt Neenan or Chuck Bull the other guard.

Defensively, Pasqualoni faces a tougher task. He must find adequate replacements for the Big East co-Defensive Player of the Year, tackle George Rooks, and for three defensive backs and one linebacker. Nose guard Kevin Mitchell is considered a Lombardi Trophy candidate. Ernie Davis Brown is a fixture at tackle, with James Spencer, Scott Langenheim, and Wilky Bazile vying for the other spot up front. The linebacking corps looks superb, with Garland Hawkins and Chip Todd outside and Glen Young and Reggie Terry or Matt Greco inside. Jo Jo Wooden also has starting experience. Cornerback Dwayne Joseph will anchor the secondary. Ousmane Bary likely will man the other corner, with Bob Grosvenor and Tony Jones the safeties.

Syracuse's kicking game has never been better. Pat O'Neill led the Big East in punting and boomed 75 percent of his kickoffs into the end zone. John Biskup, the school's most accurate field-goal kicker, made 17 of 22 and has a current streak of 53 extra points.

BOSTON COLLEGE

Optimism is rampant atop Chestnut Hill. And well it should be. Second-year head coach Tom Coughlin has 23 players who started at least one game last season on a team whose 4-7 record was deceiving. The Eagles lost by just 19-14 to national co-champion Miami in their 1991 finale. There also was only a one-touchdown difference in three earlier defeats, including one to third-ranked Penn State.

Marvin Graves Syracuse

Three-year starter Glenn Foley could emerge as one of the nation's top passers. He threw for 2,222 yards and led the Big East in touchdown tosses, with 21. Redshirt freshmen Justin Pippy and Jeff Ryan are in the wings. The top four rushers, who combined for 1,855 yards, also return: fullback Darnell Campbell and tailbacks Chuckie Dukes, Dwight Shirley, and David Green. Sparkling soph Pete Mitchell takes over at tight end, where All-America Mark Chmura departed as the Eagles' all-time career receiver (164-2,046). But split end Clarence Cannon (26-434) and flanker Keith Miller (22-406) remain top targets. Ivan Boyd, Michael Campbell, and Tivo Concepcion are backups. Rebuilding the offensive line is Coughlin's chief task. Center Tom Nalen and tackle Dan Britten form the nucleus. Ron Stone, a 1991 starter on defense, will be the other tackle. Redshirt freshman Pete Kendall and sophs Greg Pepper and Ben Velishka are guards. Depth will come from center Tim O'Brien, guards Greg Landry and Ed Flanagan, and tackles Marc Borrelli and Brian Van Den Berghe.

On defense, the Eagles have one of their best linebacking corps and a strong, experienced line. Mike Marinaro, John Stolberg, and Ted Page return up front. Help will come from Nelson Long and youngsters Chris Sullivan, Derek Hughes, and Matt Goulet. Jason Pohopek, Dan Kerr, David Jones, and Russ Durham are proven outside linebackers. Tom McManus is an all-star candidate inside, where he'll pair with soph Stephen Boyd. Other experienced inside backers are Brian Howlett, Ed Sanabria, and Mike Panos. Depth could be a problem in the secondary, where safety Chrlie Brennan and cornerbacks Mike Reed and Joe Kamara return.

Sean Wright and Jeff Beckley may share the place-kicking again. Either Beckley or incoming freshman Brett Bleeker will replace Bill Kushner as punter.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Mountaineers are more experienced and significantly healthier than in an injury-riddled 1991, when they posted a 6-5 record. Coach Don Nehlen, in his 13th year at Morgantown, believes this team could be his best since 1988. That's the year West Virginia went 11-0 before losing to Notre Dame in a Fiesta Bowl showdown for the national championship. Miami, Penn State, and Syracuse appear on a schedule Nehlen rates the toughest in school history. But six games are at home.

Seven starters return on offense, including junior quarterback Darren Studstill, whom Notre Dame transfer Jake Kelchner is challenging. All-East tailback Adrian Murrell (904 yards) heads the ground attack. Jon Jones and redshirt freshman Robert Walker are solid, speedy backups. Soph Rodney Woodard may beat out senior Garrett Ford at fullback. World-class sprinter James Jett is a three-year starter at split end, with Mike Baker the top

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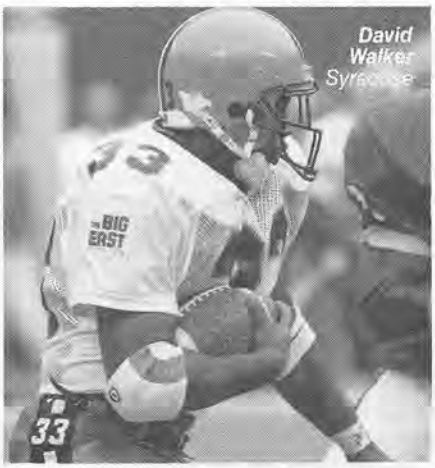
flanker. Other receivers include Ed Hill, Brett Parise, Jay Kearney, and Juan Jones. Nate Rine and John Cappa will share time at tight end. The interior line is capably anchored by all-East center Mike Compton, tackle Rich Braham, and guard Lorenzo Styles. Joe Avila


David Walker
Syracuse

likely will pair with Braham, while Jim LeBlanc and Dale Williams battle at the other guard. Dan Harless, Calvin Edwards, and Chris Klick provide depth.

Defensively, the Mountaineers should be more productive in the 4-3 alignment they adopted a year ago. Tackle Steve Redd, who missed all of last season and this spring after Achilles' heel surgery, hopes to rejoin seven holdover starters: ends Tom Briggs and Boris Graham, tackle Rick Dolly, linebackers James Wright and Tarris Alexander, cornerback Leroy Axem, and safety Mike Collins. Barry Hawkins steps in at tackle, with veteran Scott Gaskins and newcomers Buddy Hager and Keith Morris helping. Joe Pabian and Steve Perkins are backup ends. The linebacking corps is as talented as any WVU has had. Wes Richardson, who started eight games, and Matt Taffoni, who played as a true freshman, join Wright. Darrick Wiley, Matt Ceglie, and Mike Booth are reserves. Kwame Smith and David Mayfield will fill the two gaps in the secondary. Tommy Orr, Harold Kidd, John Brown, and John Harper have experience.

Place-kicker Mark Johnson and punter Mike Vanderjagt showed dramatic improvement in the spring. Vanderjagt also may handle some of the placements.

PITTSBURGH

Even Paul Hackett admits that this is the year the Panthers must win consistently and impressively. After a 5-0 start last fall, they lost five of their last six games. That's hardly satisfying to Pittsburgh fans accustomed to national rankings and bowl appearances. But it was double the number of victories in 1990, Hackett's first full season as head coach. And he's certainly aware that the next multiple in this sequence is nine.

Eight starters, including All-America quarterback candidate Alex Van Pelt, return from an offensive unit which ranked second in the Big East (395.2 yards per game). But Van Pelt, on the verge of surpassing Dan Marino as the school's all-time yardage leader, missed spring practice following elbow surgery. Four linemen also sat out while recuperating from operations. Hackett, however, is confident the offense can be potent when all the pieces are in place. His biggest task will be restructuring the defense. While it showed significant improvement last season, all-star linemen Sean Gilbert and Keith Hamilton decided to turn pro a year early.

Van Pelt, with 8,104 yards, is only 493 shy of Marino's career passing record. He also needs 336 yards to be tops in total offense. Jermaine Williams (615 yards) and Curtis Martin (556), along with sophomore Tim Colicchio, make tailback one of the strongest positions. The new fullbacks will be sophs Vince Williams and Obe Roundtree. Hackett appears committed to breaking away from the one-back set to achieve more flexibility. Tight ends Dave Moore and Eric Seaman, who combined for 91 catches last year, are gone. There's still an abundance of fine receivers, led by wideouts Chris Bouyer (39-640) and Dietrich Jells and tailback Martin. Rob Coons takes over tight end. Mike LiVorio is back after a one-year suspension to join Reuben Brown at tackle. Center Chris Sestili returns, with Gary Gorajewski and Mark Fely at guard.

The unexpected departure of Gilbert and Hamilton created even more problems for new defensive coordinator Nick Rapone. Tackle Tom Barndt is the most experienced player up front. Mike Kelly and Jeff Esters are the ends. Help must come from soph Mike Halapin, Lamont Liggett, and Marcus Royster.

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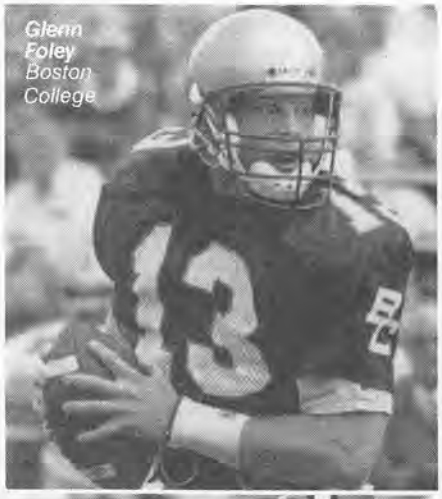
Inside linebacking looks strong with Charles Williams, Tom Tumulty, and Doug Kautter. Tumulty was Big East and ECAC Rookie of the Year, while Williams led the team in tackles. Heath Snell, Shawn Abinet, Hayes Clark, Keith Little, Todd Ryan, and Gerald Simpson are outside linebackers. Safeties Doug Whaley and Lex Perkins return; Vernon Lewis and Ricardo Harris are the cornerbacks.

RUTGERS

Joining the Big East was a significant step for the Scarlet Knights' football program. So was the recent passage of a measure that includes $28 million to expand, renovate, and install lights at Rutgers Stadium. This figures to solidify third-year coach Doug Graber's



Glenn Foley Boston College

Darren Studstill West Virginia

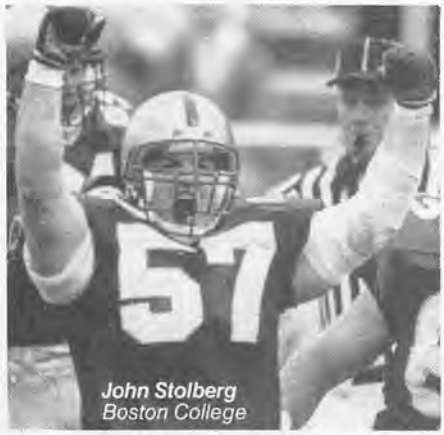
push to keep New Jersey's top prospects from going elsewhere. Forty of the 57 signees in his first three recruiting classes are from within the state, including 13 first-team all-state selections.

"For us to jump to the next level," Graber said, "we have to win, we have to be on TV, and we have to be in a bowl." All three goals certainly appear to be well within Rutgers' reach this season. Eighteen starters return from last year's 6-5 team. It was only the third winning season in 11 years for the school which defeated Princeton, 6-4, in college football's first game on November 6, 1869.

Bryan Fortay, a highly rated transfer from Miami, beat out redshirt freshman Ray Lucas for the quarterback job. All-Big East wideout Jim Guarantano caught a record 62 passes for 740 yards last year. Other returnees include Chris Brantley and tight end Chris Stoll. Tailback Antoine Moore (627 yards) and fullback Tekay Dorsey, the top rusher in 1990, lead the ground game. Bill Bailey and Bruce Presley are backups. Center Travis Broadbent anchors the line with returning regulars Joe Ciaffoni and Ken Dammann. Other veterans include Maurice Owens, Doug Kavulich, and Steve Tanribilir.

Elnardo Webster, the Scarlet's leading tackler the past two seasons, has departed. But nine other starters return on the defense which ranked second in the Big East. Andrew Beckett, Mike Spitzer, and Kory Kozak remain a solid front. Roger Jeffries, Glen Nave, Darren Howell, and Kareem Williams provide depth. Jamil Jackson and Todd Lane return as inside linebackers along with George Stewart and Luis Bido. Shawn Williams is an all-star candidate at outside linebacker, where he's joined by veterans Josh Hedgeman, Bob Sneathen, and Shane Spells. Keif Bryant, a tackle, was tried at outside linebacker in the spring. Safeties Jay Bellamy and Malik Jackson, an all-Big East pick, and cornerback Marshall Roberts remain fixtures in the secondary. Doug Adkins, Keith Price, Tim Geckeler, and Shaun Smith have experience.

John Benestad will do the place-kicking again and David Dunne the punting.



John Stolberg Boston College

VIRGINIA TECH

Several young, inexperienced players must come through like veterans if the Hokies are to have a winning season. Sixth-year coach Frank Beamer is happy with 12 returning starters from last year's 5-6 team. But he has some major concerns. Gone are record-setting quarterback Will Furrer, who threw 43 touchdown passes in his career, and three-fourths of the defensive line.

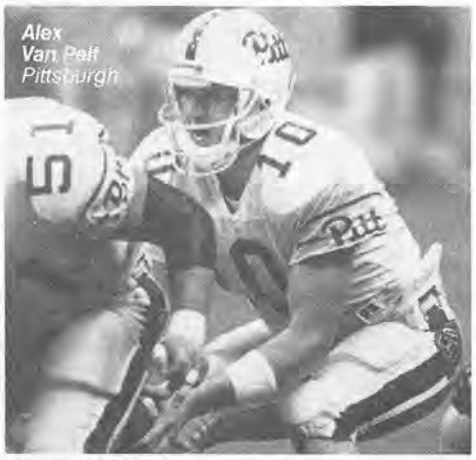
Maurice DeShazo, who runs as well as he passes, inherits the quarterback job. He's a scrambling type who must develop quickly. Bo Campbell, Steve Sanders, and Antonio Freeman are veteran receivers. Campbell also led the nation in punt returns with an 18.2-yard average. Tony Kennedy and Vaughn Hebron make tailback one of the team's strongest positions. The duo rushed for a combined 1,208 yards and 13 touchdowns. Mark Poindexter takes over at fullback from the departed Phil Bryant. The line will be built around all-star center candidate Jim Pyne. The departure of Eugene Chung leaves a big hole, but tackles Marc Verniel and Chris Holt have experience; Damien McMahon is back at one guard with Marvin Arrington his likely sidekick.

Tackle Jerome Preston, the only returnee up front on defense, missed spring practice while recuperating from knee surgery. But he's expected back in the fall. Stephan Holloway and Don Davis are battling at the other tackle. Bill Swarm and David Wimmer are the likely starters at end. Linebacking looks strong with Rusty Pendleton and Melendez Byrd inside and P.J. Preston and Ken Brown outside. Tyronne Drakeford and Kirk Alexander are the top two defensive backs. Brian Reaves will handle the kickoffs and Ryan Williams the place-kicking. Jack Wiltshire or Robbie Colley will punt.

TEMPLE

The Owls enjoyed the nation's biggest turnaround in 1990, going from 1-10 to 7-4. But they slipped to a disappointing 2-9 record last year. So the task facing Jerry Berndt, in his fourth season as head coach, looms even larger this fall. Only four starters return on each side of the ball. Big East membership has helped Temple lure Berndt's best recruiting class. The schedule is tougher, however, with the addition of national co-champion Miami and Virginia Tech. The Owls also play traditionally strong Syracuse, Pittsburgh, and independent Penn State.

With tackles Tré Johnson and Glenn Tinner and guard Brian Erwin returning, the line shapes up as the strength of the offense. Chris Shanley will start at center and John Summerday at guard. Terry Gray, Joe Burgos, Jon Clark, Mike Brennan, Chris Ryan, and Paul Veto provide depth. Russell Caso, who played as a true freshman, takes over at tight end. An all-new backfield is filled with question marks. Quarterback Chris Paliscak, tailbacks Sam Jenkins and Ralphiel Mack, and fullback Efrain Cabrera are the likely starters. "Paliscak had an excellent spring," Berndt said. "He's clearly our No. 1 guy." Soph receivers Lew Lawhorn and Tim Israel should be stronger and more productive.



Alex Van Pelt Pittsburgh

Defensively, the front of a 3-4 alignment is cause for greatest concern. Jerold Jeffcoat has seen some action at nose guard and Deandre McClurkin at tackle. Dave Schlagel will start at the other tackle. The linebacking looks solid with Adrian Drones and John Bognanno outside and Roman Hale and Scott Dennis or Gary Downing inside. Most of the experience on defense will be in the secondary. Cornerbacks Kyle Glasper and Keita Crespina and rover Daryl Nelson are veterans, with Keno Cox moving up at safety.

Place-kicker Mike Knuth returns. Kelly Sims or Dave Klukow will replace all-star punter Trent Thompson.

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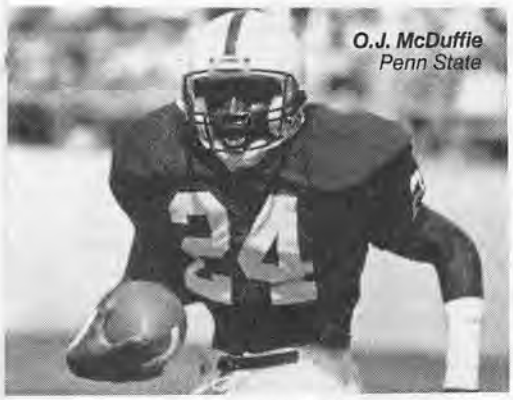
PENN STATE

The Nittany Lions hope to roar loudest in their final season as an independent before officially joining the Big Ten in 1993. Coach Joe Paterno has a dozen starters from the 11-2 team that finished No. 3 in the national rankings and captured a 21st Lambert/Meadowlands Trophy. Penn State swept its last six games, including a 42-17 blitz of Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl. One of the losses (26-20) was to national co-champion Miami, which visits State College for a rematch on October 10.

Quarterback Tony Sacca and wide receiver Terry Smith have departed after setting numerous school records. Bruising fullback Sam Gash and defensive standouts Darren Perry, Jim Deter, Keith Goganious, Mark D'Onofrio, and Leonard Humphries were other major losses. But Paterno is confident their replacements will enable the Lions to remain high among the nation's elite. "We have played good football the last two years," he said. "I hope we are not going to change too much. I hope we don't have to change."

Sophomore Kerry Collins is heir apparent at quarterback. He's from the same mold as Sacca and has a big, strong arm. Either John


O.J. McDuffie
Penn State

Sacca, Tony's younger brother, or Dan White will be the backup. All-America and Heisman Trophy hopeful O.J. McDuffie, the Fiesta Bowl offensive MVP, should have a banner year as a receiver and punt returner. He caught 46 passes for 790 yards and had a 10.8-yard average and two TDs on 33 punt returns. Tailback Richie Anderson (779 yards, 10 touchdowns) heads a potent running attack which also returns Shelly Hammonds—if he does not play defense. Brian Moser and soph J.T. Morris have some experience at fullback. Soph Kyle Brady, who started six games, returns at tight end. The offensive line will be rebuilt around guard John Gerak and center Greg Huntington. Other linemen with starts include Mike Malinoski, Derrick Pickett, Mike Heller, Bucky Greeley, and E.J. Sandusky.

A tradtionally tough defense has been credited for much of Penn State's success over the years. There should be little, if any, dropoff this season. Seven starters return to a unit which led the nation in turnover margin while ranking fifth in pass-efficiency defense and rushing defense and ninth in scoring defense and total defense. Outside linebackers Reggie Givens and Rich McKenzie along with down linemen Lou Benfatti, Tyoka Jackson, and Eric Ravotti have experience. Givens, a three-year starter, was the Fiesta Bowl defensive MVP. Brett Wright and Brian Gelzheiser likely will replace inside linebackers D'Onofrio and Goganious, with Phil Yeboah-Kodie and Brian Monaghan as backups. In the secondary, cornerback Derek Bochna and free safety Lee Rubin, last year's top tackler, return. Mark Graham could fill another spot.

Craig Fayak, who made 13 of 16 field goals after a sluggish 4-for-10 start, is one of the nation's finest kickers. But Paterno must replace four-year punter Doug Helkowski.

NAVY

The Midshipmen needed a 24-3 upset victory over Army in last year's finale to avert a winless season. Now they hope to build on that redeeming triumph in George Chaump's third year as skipper. It's a young, promising team that shows 16 returning starters.

To achieve its first winning season in a decade, Navy must shore up a porous defense which allowed 406.5 yards and 29.2 points per game. Chaump brought in a new coordinator and two new assistants to handle the task. They have switched to a 4-2 alignment featuring five defensive backs with new responsibilities. Some position shuffling also ac-

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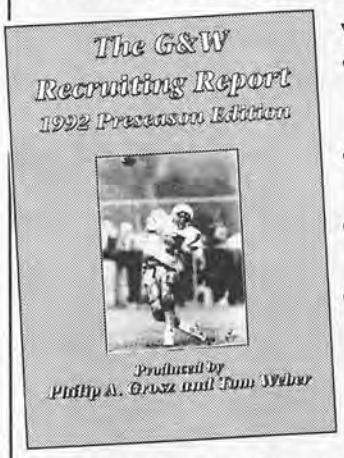

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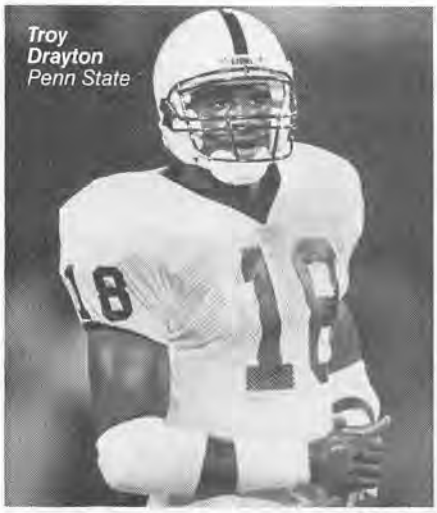
companied the change. Ends Robert Goodson and Eric McGowan will be joined in the four-man front by all-East tackle Bob Kuberski and either Ches Snider or Stacey Yopp. Vying for the linebacker spots are Chris Beck, Steve Himelspach, Dave Shaw, and Javier Zuluaga. Chad Chatlos, who led the team in tackles and interceptions, will anchor the secondary with help from Chad Guise, Steve Lipsey, Mike Riggins, Chris Hart, and Mark McGinnis.

Eight starters return on offense. Jim Kubiak, a strong-armed sophomore, completed 70 percent of his passes for 563 yards in Navy's last two games. Tom Pritchard caught 35 passes for 569 yards as a freshman. Starting


Troy Drayton
Penn State

tight end Kevin Hickman also is a second-year man. Tailback Jason Van Matre, the Army-Navy game MVP, rushed for 544 yards and was No. 2 in receptions, with 23. Brad Stramanak and Duke Ingraham return at fullback. Center Steve Palmer and tackles Max Lane and Blair Sokol are holdover starters in the line. Dan Pidgeon has been moved from defense to offensive guard. The other guard slot is up for grabs.

Tim Rogers and Matt Tate will continue to share place-kicking duties. The new punter will be Jody Duncan, Pat Brophy, or Bill Poage.

ARMY

There's now more wish than bone in an Army offense which ranked no lower than fifth nationally in rushing yardage over the past eight years. Only two offensive starters return from last year's 4-7 team. Second-year head coach Bob Sutton is counting on a veteran defense to dominate in early-season games until his reconstructed wishbone attack can establish itself. Some key players who figure to fill spots on offense missed all of spring practice, recuperating from injuries. Not having them available forced Sutton to delay evaluations at certain positions until fall.

The Cadets' defensive unit shows seven returning starters. Tackle Dan Davis and free safety Mike McElrath are all-star candidates. The other returnees are outside linebackers Jason Miller and Aaron Foglesong, inside linebacker Kevin Czarnecki, cornerback Duncan Johnson, and strong safety Kyle Peavler. Sean Gladieux and Jim Slomka are competing at tackle, with Gary Graves and John Backes at nose guard. Tony Cima or Pat Zelley team with Czarnecki. Kevin Vaughn or Will Manning will fill the secondary's vacancy.

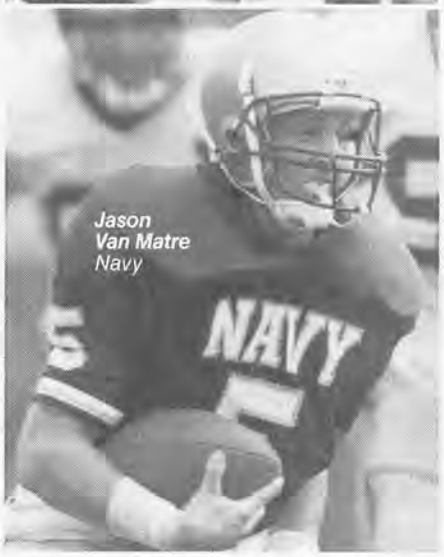
Only guard John Pirog and tackle Mark Escobedo return on offense. Kaylan Kennel will pair with Pirog, but the other tackle job could go to one of three juniors—Joe Krupa, Mike Krause, or Troy Prehar—or to sophomore Casey Minott. Kevin Muir is heir apparent at center and Bill Currence at tight end. Junior Devin Hartfield is the projected quarterback in the all-new backfield. Chad Davis is the most experienced halfback, with John Lane and soph Joe Ross getting long looks. Phil Fant or Steve Weber will start at fullback. Paul Andrzejewski and Gaylord Greene will share split end.

Place-kicker Patmon Malcom hopes to regain his all-star form of 1990 after an off year. Todd Hawkins again will do the punting.

NORTHEASTERN

Second-year head coach Barry Gallup hopes to reverse the trend the Huskies set at the conclusion of the 1991 season, when they lost their final five games and finished with a 4-7 mark. Thirteen starters return for Northeastern's final audition before it officially joins the Yankee Conference in 1993.

Rich McKenzie
Penn State


Jason Van Matre
Navy

Leading the offense is lefty quarterback Ralph Barone (139 of 302 for 1,899 yards and 18 TDs). He'll have to learn a new system — the Huskies have adopted the run-and-shoot—but he has a group of talented and experienced receivers to work with. Wideouts Branden Tsetsilas, Jeremy Gobeil, Jeray Sadberry, and Tim Boudreau combined for 71 receptions. Tailback Tony Morgan rushed for 292 yards, and Gallup is high on redshirt freshman Bruce Pugh. They should see plenty of daylight with the return of a veteran line: tackles Richie Laverty and Randy Dodd and guards John Douzepis and Dave Herford. John Robinson replaces center John Smith, who was shifted to defense.

Gallup is sticking with the 4-3 defense, which will be led by junior safety Mark Salisbury. He had six interceptions, blocked a kick, and notched 53 tackles en route to earning all-New England honors. Outside linebacker David Atwood led the unit with 76 stops. Vets Byron Turner and Mike Mclean start at the ends with John Smith and Joe Griesbaum (6-7,260) at tackle. Special teams could be an area of concern with the graduation of place-kicker Dave Rusk.

patriot league

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1. Lafayette, 2. Holy Cross, 3. Colgate, 4. Lehigh, 5. Fordham, 6. Bucknell

Coaches and sports information directors around the Patriot League got together a while back to produce separate preseason polls. Each made Lafayette the choice to unseat Holy Cross, which has won five championships in the six-year existence of the league that prohibits athletic scholarships.

Lafayette coach Bill Russo needs only to come up with a center, two cornerbacks, and a punter. Starters return at all other positions. As a bonus, flanker Mike Grau and outside linebacker Obi Luckett—starters in '90—are back after sitting out last season.

The last of the league's scholarship players—at Holy Cross—have departed after the Crusaders went 11-0 last fall and earned the No. 3 national ranking in Division I-AA. Gone are 16 starters and quarterback Tom Ciaccio, the league MVP and one of 11 Crusaders chosen first team all-league. A 58-1-1 record in six years against I-AA opponents was Mark Duffner's ticket to the head-coaching job at Maryland. Holy Cross alumnus Pete Vaas replaced Duffner and wasted no time in sacking Duffner's run-and-shoot offense for a more conventional multiple-I attack.

Lafayette and Colgate are the only teams with stability at quarterback. Bucknell's Travis Kopp, a sensation of sorts as a freshman, had offseason shoulder surgery and did not throw during spring practice.

LAFAYETTE

An MVP year from quarterback Tom Kirchhoff, a pair of potential 1,000-yard tailbacks in Erik Marsh and John Kahn, and a veteran offensive line featuring guard Dave Pyne and tackle Chris Bellucci should have the Leopards being fitted for championship rings for the first time since 1988.

Split end John Carter, the Leopards' most reliable receiver last year with 36 catches for 728 yards and six touchdowns, seemed on his way out to the real world as senior. But an injury his freshman year will bring him back for an extra year of eligibility. Russo also will send out a fullback, Chris Flood, who is suited perfectly to the multiple offense. Flood can run, block, pass-protect, and catch the ball out of the backfield. Kirchhoff doesn't seem too concerned about matching last year's passing numbers (163 of 297 for 2,111 yards and 14 touchdowns with 14 interceptions). "I'll try to let things fall where they may," Kirchhoff said.

"We're getting out of a straight drop-back, because with Erik Marsh and John Kahn we've got a great running game. That means we'll be de-emphasizing the pass, which is fine with me as long as we put the ball in the end zone." Marsh, the league's rookie of the year, and Kahn combined to rush for 1,443 yards.

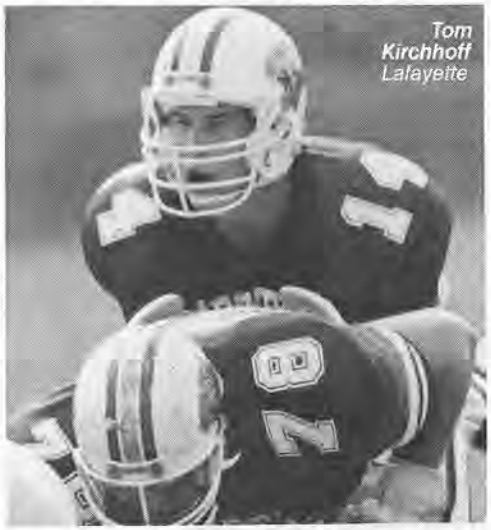
The defensive front seven in the Leopards' 4-3 alignment is intact, led by end Pete Ohnegian, tackle Ed Sasso, and middle linebacker Kevin McManus. Shawn Carter enters his third season as the starting free safety. McManus and outside linebackers Chris Hummel and Netfa Slaughter each had a hand in more than 100 tackles; Ohnegian had nine sacks.

HOLY CROSS

The mighty will fall, but not far. Washington and Miami were the only other teams in Division I to have perfect seasons in 1991.

"A tremendous attitude has been established here in the last six years under Mark Duffner," new coach Pete Vaas said. "We will continue that as much as we can, but we stressed the fact that we will do it *our* way. We want the same results, but we'll travel the road differently. The destination is the same."

Dave Harrington, a junior who has yet to take his first varsity snap, is expected to emerge from preseason camp with the quarterback job. "The guy who starts will be the guy who shows he can get the ball into the end zone," Vaas said. "The team has to develop a trust in him. That doesn't happen in one play or in one scrimmage. It happens over a long period of time." The coaching change benefits tight end Ron Hooey, whose position becomes significantly more important, and Shawn Sierra, a tailback who for three seasons waited behind record-setting backs Jerome Fuller and Joe Segretti. The line is rebuilt around guard Matt Warth. Joe Gallagher and Al Hebron emerge as the go-to receivers.


Tom Kirchhoff Lafayette

The Crusaders retain their 5-2 defense, constructed around end Greg Draddy, tackle Tom McDonald, linebackers Marcus Duckworth and Rob Milanette, and cornerback Mike Walsh. Jeff Meader (40.5-yard avg.) is the league's premier punter and sophomore Anthony Pignio's 70 points tied the school single-season record.

Vaas not only has high expectations to deal with but a 20-game winning streak for the opener September 12 at Army.

LEHIGH

Opponents are about to get a good look at Mark Lookenbill, seldom used in the backfield last year until an injury sidelined the first-team tailback in mid-October. From there, the 5-8 senior rolled up 503 yards rushing and 498 receiving and scored a league high 18 touchdowns. He's also returning punts again. Engineers coach Hank Small never seems to have a problem finding productive quarterbacks. Junior Scott Semptimphelter is next in line, following Glenn Kempa, who passed for 3,565 yards. Lehigh averaged 33 points behind Kempa, dropping only a pair of one-point games to Holy Cross and Colgate.

"Lehigh has done a nice job the last couple of years with their offensive system," Colgate coach Mike Foley said. "They always seem to move the football no matter who the quarterback is." The Engineers ranked among the nation's top five offensively for six straight seasons and led the league in passing for 31 of the past 32 weeks over three seasons. Tight end Sean McCarthy, guard Calvin Hobbs, and center Chuck Endicott are the only familiar names in the line. McCarthy, with 32 catches, has all-league potential.

Only four defensive starters are back: tackle Dan Johnson, outside linebackers Mike Yadush and Kevin Jefferson, and free safety Adam Ciperski. Jefferson, Ciperski, and Yadush were among the team's tackling leaders. Jefferson tied for the team lead with six sacks and Ciperski led with five interceptions.

FORDHAM

Only Lafayette returns more starting players. But the Rams were the worst rushing team in the league last year and finished near the bottom in total offense. The 16 holdovers do not include a quarterback. Who will get the ball to Tom Garlick and John Potamousis, who combined for 81 catches and more than 1,000 yards? Garlick is the school's career receiving leader. Guard Mike Beier and center Neil Penttinen are the best linemen.

The league's preseason defensive player of the year patrols the middle of Fordham's 4-3. Mark Blazejewski led the league with 14½ tackles per game after missing the 1990 season to have reconstructive knee surgery. He left the first quarter of last year's Princeton game with torn cartilage in his left knee, had arthroscopic surgery the next morning, and returned to the lineup the following Saturday to make 13 tackles in a victory over Columbia. Blazejewski's unit, third-best in most categories, should improve on that and keep the Rams in most games. Tackle Curt Geisler and strong safety Chris Tirone are three-year starters. Tirone, cornerback Mike Wilt, and free safety Brad Jordan are all-league selections after combining for 12 interceptions.

BUCKNELL

A young Bison team that beat only Fordham last fall wasn't helped by a schedule that included three championship-winning teams: Villanova (Yankee Conference), Dartmouth (Ivy), and Holy Cross (Patriot).

Freshman quarterback Travis Kopp responded to his first start in mid-October by passing for 304 yards in a four-point loss to Lafayette. Kopp went on to throw for a school freshman-record 834 yards—and have surgery on his right shoulder. He was not allowed to throw during spring drills. Bison coach Lou Maranzana is moving senior Matt Walsh back to tailback after switching the versatile athlete to wide receiver early last season. Walsh is back at the spot where Brian Henesey, a four-year starter, became the school's career rushing leader with 2,649 yards. The offensive line is intact, led by guard Eric Rutter and tackle Jeff Hart. David Berardinelli was the league's No. 3 receiver last year with a team-high 46 catches for 769 yards and six touchdowns. Bucknell will miss Jeff Pape, twice an all-Patriot tight end.

The Bison defense gave up a league-high 33 points per game and only Lehigh surrendered more than their 423 yards of total offense. Improvement in those areas will hinge on the play of end John Lusk, the team leader with eight sacks, outside linebacker Hew Woodward, and free safety Blaine Fawcett, the only Bison D-back to start all 10 games.

COLGATE

The Red Raiders' offense has Jim Russell stamped all over it. The league's most exciting player won the job in the second half of last year's season opener with his running and throwing ability. Russell's emergence forced coach Mike Foley to reshape the offense.

"We limped along not doing a great job, and then around midseason we got him more involved with the running attack," Foley said. "He's a pretty good passer, but not the classic drop-back. He's more of a rollout, play-action quarterback. We started to build that into our offense. Jim is our most elusive back. We'll run a play that looks like a sprint-out but it's really a quarterback sweep. Those things work when you have a passing game."

Russell was 16th in the nation in total offense, running for 465 yards and passing for 2,166. The Red Raiders have a good running game without Russell. Tailback Bill Sparacio (828 yards) was the only sophomore chosen to the all-league team last fall. Russell and Sparacio work behind a revamped line, featuring center Carlos Mollinedo and guard Greg Kuchar, both incumbents. The success of the passing game depends on the development of a new corps of receivers.

A young defense looks to three players coming off injuries: linebackers Jim Kaufman and T.J. Donahue and tackle Scott Stroppel. End Paul Schultheis is the best of the returning players, and keep an eye on Darin Kenley, an exceptionally quick inside linebacker in the 3-4 alignment. "The nucleus is there," Foley said. "It's a matter of pulling it together."

yankee conference

yankee conference
1. Villanova, 2. Delaware, 3. New Hampshire, 4. Rhode Island, 5. Boston University, 6. Massachusetts, 7. Maine, 8. Connecticut, 9. Richmond

To figure out what kind of year it is going to be, consider the 1991 all-Yankee team. Thirteen players, including the offensive and defensive MVPs, will be back. This year, the conference is deep in talent and experience.

Of the three teams that shared the league title last season, Villanova seems to have the best chance of repeating. Seventeen starters return, including nine on a defense that was among the best in the country. Delaware should be right there with Villanova. Coach of

the Year Tubby Raymond should have the wing-T in high gear. New Hampshire returns the league's Offensive Player of the Year, Barry Bourassa, who will attempt to become the first player ever to lead the nation in all-purpose yards for three consecutive years.

VILLANOVA

If the four years without football in the early '80s signified the worst of times for the Villanova program, then the success of the early '90s, with the school's best record ever (10-2), a share of the Yankee Conference title, and a playoff appearance have to signify that the best of times have arrived. And with 17 starters back, including nine on a defense that led the nation with the fewest points yielded per game, this could be another championship season on the Main Line.

The defensive line will be anchored by second-team all-YC standout Chris Grychowski at

Warren McIntire Delaware

left tackle. Tim Matas will start for the third year in a row at nose guard, while Mike Hoffman will be at right tackle, replacing all-ECAC and all-YC star Willie Oshodin. The linebacking corps is led by All-America Curtis Eller, the league's Defensive Player of the Year. Andy Cobaugh, who led the team with 13 sacks, and Dan Summers will play outside with Phil DiMaria and Mike Jones inside. First-team all-YC performer Barry Alvis is back at free safety and Justin Reeves will replace Kevin Long at strong safety; corners Orin Solomon and Mike Brown return to complete a unit that was second in the nation in total defense.

Leading eight returning starters for head coach Andy Talley's offense is 5-foot-7 quarterback Tom Colombo. The senior threw for 2,679 yards and 21 touchdowns while completing 62.2 percent of his passes last year. Tailback Vernon Smith (605 yards) and fullback Jeff Johnson (530 yards) hope to fill a void left by Pat Kennedy, who gained over 800 yards and scored 15 touchdowns in nine games before a season-ending injury.

First-team all-Yankee tight end Scott Donald gave Colombo a big target (50 receptions for 535 yards and 10 touchdowns). Flankers Harold Hart (28-443-5) and Pat Friend and wide receivers George Brown and Straughn Lumpkin (7-66) will all see time this season. The line features all-conference guard Randy Crane, tackle Bill Lacey, and center Tim Tarpley, with Sean Downes and Juan Ramirez.

DELAWARE

The Blue Hens seek their fourth Yankee Conference title in seven years. Coach of the Year Tubby Raymond begins his 27th season with 15 starters from the team that finished 10-2, sharing the Yankee conference title with Villanova and New Hampshire and advancing to the I-AA playoffs, where it dropped a 42-35 verdict in double overtime to James Madison in the opening round. The Hens were No. 6 in the final poll and won their record 14th Lambert Cup as the top I-AA team in the East.

Quarterback Bill Vergantino, a four-year starter, led the team in rushing (673 yards, 7 TDs) and passing (1,393 yards, 11 TDs) for the second straight year. Joining him are fullback Daryl Brown (592 yards, 11 TDs), the 1991 conference Rookie of the Year, and halfback Lanue Johnson (596). When Vergantino needs to pass, he will look first for sophomore Keita Malloy (33-604-4). At tight end are Tom Fitzpatrick, a starter two years ago, and University of Virginia transfer Rob Higbee. Both tackles and all-East center Curt Chastain must be replaced. All-conference guards Mike Schoenleber and Rick Anderson return, with Anderson slated to move to tackle. Greg Peden moves from defense to center.

Defensively, the front four remains intact with ends Mark Hrubar and Matt Morrill and tackles Scott Hondru and Scott Griemsmann. All-America free safety Warren McIntire, who picked off an NCAA-leading nine interceptions, and Tim Jacobs and Scott Acker return; Brian Quigg takes over at strong safety. Pat Mulhern is back at linebacker and Mike Bandish was a part-time starter in the middle.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

What a difference a year can make. Last year, New Hampshire had all 11 starters returning from a team that had led the Yankee Conference in total offense in 1990. This year, graduation has depleted the ranks.

The biggest loss on offense will be at quarterback, where Matt Griffin (5,425 career passing yards) has departed. Rick Green is the heir apparent. The rest of the backfield returns intact. Barry Bourassa led the nation in all-purpose yards for the second straight year while becoming just the second Wildcat to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season. Mike Gallagher was second in the team in rushing and a strong blocker for Bourassa. The top receivers, John Perry (52 catches, 9 TDs) and David Gamble also return. Up front, only center Matt O'Nell is back. Bob Jones and Rob Kinter are the leading candidates at tackle and Todd Roth and Matt Gibby at guard.

Defensively, New Hampshire lost All-America linebacker Dwayne Sabb but retained Adam Mott and Steve Shamany. The secondary, where three regulars return, is a strength. Nate Bryan and Greg Lewis combined for 12 interceptions; Ron Baisden is the safety. On the line, the man to watch is Dwayne Gordon. Steve Dunn is the other returnee.

RHODE ISLAND

After leading the team to a 2-1 record in the final three games, soph Tony Squitieri should be even better this year after a full spring as the No. 1 quarterback. And though he might not bring back the Ehrhardt Years, Squitieri just might give head coach Bob Griffin a lot to smile about this season. His performance in the season finale earned him rookie of the week honors in the conference. In back of Squitieri will be veteran Steve Holland.

Tight end Darren Rizzi was on the receiving end of a team-leading 53 passes for 782 yards and five touchdowns. Wide receiver Chris Pierce is the main deep threat, having averaged 23.9 yards on 17 receptions. He is also a dangerous return man: 26.6 yards per kickoff with two TDs. Dario Highsmith, after gaining 693 yards and scoring eight touchdowns as a freshman, suffered a non-football related injury that forced him to sit out spring practice. Shundell Hicks and Richard Rouser, who redshirted last season, will be counted on to fill in for Highsmith. Tackle Pat Hughes is the mainstay of the line. Guards Glenn Hodgins and Mike Bross are other returnees.

Linebacker Marty Coyne is the leading tackler returning. Pete Doremus, who returned his only interception 40 yards for a touchdown, will be back. Mike Rock and Cory Cloud return on the defensive line, but the real experience is in the secondary: Brian Merritt, who will play some wide receiver this year, and Dan Sullivan on the corners, with strong safety Mark Shumilla and free safety Greg Hoffman, who had six interceptions.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Coach Dan Allen has 18 returning starters as he enters his third season at the helm.

Quarterback Walter Norton Jr. started the last five games last year and was good on 59 percent of his attempts for 1,402 yards and 11 touchdowns. Greg Moore started the first six games, throwing for 1,166 yards and six touchdowns. All-conference running back Jay Hillman has departed. Zack Burwell is the heir apparent. Four linemen and all four starting receivers from the run-and-shoot return, led by senior Scott Mallory, who caught 51 passes for 692 yards and five touchdowns.

Jim Russell Colgate

The defense, No. 2 in the YC against the pass, is loaded. Nine starters return, including the top three tacklers and the entire secondary: safeties Marc Fauci and Kevin Downes and corners Chris Helon and John May. In addition, Pablo Rodriguez, the starting free safety when the season opened, returns after missing the last 10 games with a knee injury. Linebacker Andrew Brennan led the team in tackles last year and was second in the conference to Richmond's Eric Johnson. The Terriers go five across the front with three returning starters. Harold Thomas was fifth in tackles and first in tackles for loss. Mike Pedone led the team with four sacks and Ken Larson had two sacks and tied for the team lead with three forced fumbles.

MASSACHUSETTS

Replacing Jerome Bledsoe, the second-leading rusher in the nation, at 140.5 yards per game, and the third-leading all-purpose runner, at 183.3 yards per, won't be easy. But John Johnson, the Yankee Conference Rookie of the Year in 1990, gained 729 yards and scored six touchdowns as Massachusetts won the conference title. Also returning is fullback Michael George, who gained 509 yards and scored three touchdowns. Quarterbacks Tom Fasano and Dave McGovern will be pushed by redshirt freshman Andy McNeilly. The leading target returning is tight end Ron Villone. Also back in the lineup is deep threat Eric Thimas, who returned 13 kickoffs for a 20-yard average. In addition to Bledsoe, the Minutemen must replace all-conference tackles Kai Dietiker and Rich Cavanaugh. Andy Rice and Jason Housel are slated to fill their shoes, while right guard Phil Hallard is the only repeat starter on the line.

Cornerback Don Caparotti had 61 tackles and three fumble recoveries to go along with his four interceptions. Caparotti is also one of the leading punt returners in the nation, averaging 13.7 yards per chance and taking one all the way for a touchdown. Matt Rajotte returns at free safety after sitting out last season with a back injury. He had 50 tackles and re-

Michael Lerch Princeton

turned an interception 63 yards for a TD two years ago. Linebacker Mario Perry returns to action after taking a year off for an injury. Linebacker Gregg Mattern is the leading returning tackle. Phil Lartigue will start on the inside after playing a supporting role last year. John Creamer is the most experienced lineman.

MAINE

Kirk Ferentz has his quarterback, top receivers, tight end, and three linemen back.

The biggest hole to fill is in the backfield, where Maine's all-time leading rusher, Carl Smith, and fellow graduate Paul Capriotti accounted for 88 percent of the team's rushing yardage. Ben Simans, a fifth-year senior who sat out last season, ran for 418 yards in 1989 as the backup to Smith. At fullback the Black Bears have Gordon Willey and former Maine Scholastic Player of the Year Steve Knight. Quarterback Emilio Colon threw for 1,325 yards despite a high number of interceptions (13). Also contending for the spot are fellow sophomores Joe Marsilio and Jason Cue, a transfer from Rutgers. Tony Szydlowski is the leading receiver (31 receptions for 407 yards), with Frizell Davis (25-346) and Kenny Squires (16-196). Tight ends Mark Shaw and Shawn Campbell also return. Maine is big up front with center Dave Clark, guards Dick Donahue and John Hevesy, and tackle Dan Jones. Paul Fuller, the starting center on the 1989 Yankee Conference title team, and former defensive tackle Chuck Keegan will get a shot up front.

Defensively, the Black Bears will be new across the line with only end Corey Parker returning. Ferentz will look to Fred Harner at the other end and Jed Wehrman and Todd Park at tackle. The top two tacklers, linebackers Jemal Murph and Lorenzo Harris, return on the outside. Dan Girard will be looked on to fill the inside. Lance Boston will anchor the unit from his cornerback position, while Greg Mikell is solid at free safety. Bob Zurinskas, who took some snaps at quarterback last season and is the mainstay of the Black Bears' bullpen, will get a long look at strong safety. Three-year starter Bill Curry and backup Anthony Jackson, who missed spring practice, should see plenty of action.

CONNECTICUT

One would think that a team that finished 3-8 and lost its starting quarterback and its All-America wide receiver might have to struggle to find the silver lining for this year. But for coach Tom Jackson optimism can begin with the depth chart, on which 14 starters return, including the entire secondary.

Inside linebacker Jim Reppi had a team-leading 88 tackles; end Paul Duckworth led the Huskies with nine quarterback sacks. Also returning on the defensive line are tackle Rob Belcuore and middle guard Pat Smith. Tackle Mike McCarthy joins them on the first team. Playing alongside Reppi will be Paul Zenkert and Bruce Bourgoin. The corners remain unchanged: Robert Clarke and Peter Calin. Safeties Scott Mitchell and Mark Chapman give the Huskies plenty of experience.

On offense the big task is to replace wide receiver Mark Didio (88 catches, 1,354 yards) and starting quarterback Corny Benton (2,701 passing yards). The new No. 1 target did pretty well in his own right last year, senior wide receiver Alex Davis (72-909). Sophomore quarterback Tom DeSarno stepped in late in the season and threw for 321 yards in a 29-26 double-overtime defeat to Boston University.

Tight end Brian Kozlowski, who earned all-conference honors in 1990, caught 47 passes for 563 yards last season. Rick Jackson will get the nod at split end. The one-two punch is back for the Huskies at tailback. Sophomores Ed Long and Leonard Dandridge combined for 1,161 yards. Ken Lindner takes over at fullback. Todd Verdi and David Daignault return at tackle and guard, respectively; sophomore Eric Schmidt will be at center, with Pete Kane and Sherrard Joseph filling in the line.

RICHMOND

Richmond has shown improvement during the last two years that has not been evident in the won-lost record. This season, coach Jim Marshall looks to continue the development and translate that into victories.

Taking the snaps will be Greg Lilly, who threw for 1,950 yards and eight touchdowns. His favorite target should again be Sterling Brown (47 receptions for 696 yards). Also returning is tight end Price Williams (30-402). The Spiders are deep at running back. Sophomore Uly Scott led the team with 470 yards. Vidal Adams started at tailback early last year and was second to Scott with 328 yards and three TDs. At fullback, Scott Mahone gained 131 yards. Michael Henderson and Jon Strashensky saw limited action. Three line starters return: center Curtis Moore and tackles Scott Wenk and C.J. Lindjhem. Shaun Herock and David Thalacker should fill out the unit.

The big name returning on defense is senior All-America linebacker Eric Johnson. He led the conference in tackles in each of the last two seasons while dominating the middle for the Spiders. Also returning at linebacker is Jeff Edmiston. The starting tackles are Mike Davis and Matt Joyce; the ends are slated to be Derek Whitaker and Troy Stewart. In the secondary, the Spiders will look to Jim Balam and sophs Maurice Glenn, Carlos McCain, and Edmond Mintah. Chris Owens adds depth after sitting out '91.

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PRINCETON

The Tigers return the most potent one-two punch at tailback in the league in Keith Elias and Erick Hamilton. They combined for nearly 1,500 yards rushing and almost 300 receiving while leading Princeton to an 8-2 record and a 5-2 Ivy finish.

But Princeton's biggest task is to find a quarterback, having lost Chad Roghair, who threw for 1,886 yards and 14 TDs. Coach Steve Tosches will choose between inexperienced juniors Joel Foote and Cam Scholvin. At least their targets are experienced: Michael Lerch (47 catches for 866 yards) and Steve Tufillaro out wide and Chris Belswenger at tight end. The Tigers return four starters and have one other player back with starting experience on the line. Right tackle Chris Theiss sustained a knee injury and missed the last two games, but his offseason rehabilitation has gone well. Ian Lombard is the center with Chris Cyterski and Scott Miller at tackle.

Senior linebacker Aaron Harris is the leading tackler, with Gene DeMorat and Chris Mallette. Up front, end Brian Kazan and tackle Reggie Harris earned all-Ivy recognition as sophomores. Jim Renna is at the other tackle. In the secondary, Princeton returns three of four starters but lost the team's best athlete, free safety Marvin Williams. Brad Reed and Brian Mangene are at cornerback and Keith Ducker at strong safety.

DARTMOUTH

Dartmouth is out to become the first team in the Ivy League since Penn won or shared five titles from 1982-86 to capture three consecutive championships. It won't be easy. The Big Green has been hit hard by graduation. But Buddy Teevens, now the head coach at Tulane, has left his former assistant John Lyons some fine players.

The defensive line loses all-Ivy tackle Dan Mulligan and nose guard Nick Mourlas. But Gerry LaMontagne is back at the other tackle. Joe DeMerlt should get the call opposite him. Sean Riley, Ken Bower, and Darius Kirksey should also see action. Soph Hunter Buckner emerged during the season to win a starting

role. Joining him at linebacker will be George Neos. Jason Fell returns at strong safety and Andy Scott will challenge for a job. Pete Spingola intercepted three passes at free safety. Mike Holobetz is back for his senior year on one corner.

Offensively, the big loss is Al Rosier, the Division I-AA rushing champ who rewrote the school record book. Lyons will try to compensate for the loss by using fullbacks Neal Martin and Russ Torres. The Big Green's best runner could be Greg Hoffmeister. Providing depth are Matt Burkholder, Devon Arsenault, and Ken Gordon. Quarterback Jay Fielder threw for 1,394 yards and 13 touchdowns. The receiving corps will be Matt Brzica, John Hyland, and Miceal Chamberlain. Brzica was moved to wideout from quarterback midway through last season and finished with 15 receptions. The tight end is Todd Marker, who is joined on the line by tackles Andy MacDonald and Lance Brackee, center Nat Cook and guard Greg Porter. John Bajus and Clay Adams will compete for the offensive-line spots.

CORNELL

Over the past two years, Cornell has been very competitive. Coach Jim Hofher believes his team can challenge for the league title.

Offensively, Hofher will be counting on quarterback Bill Lazor to light up the scoreboard. A year ago, Lazor led the league in total offense (198.9 yards per game) and set school records for completions in a game (31—against Brown) and for most 300-yard games in a career (2). Cornell will miss leading rusher John McNiff, but Scott Oliaro and Pete Case, who missed last year with injuries, return at tailback and fullback, respectively. Oliaro was second-team all-Ivy in 1990 and the team's top receiver (25 for 347 yards) and scorer (11 TDs) and the No. 2 rusher (744 yards). Matt Speicher returns at tailback, with Pete Fitzpatrick and Greg Devine.

The top receiver is Mike Jamin (35 for 486 yards). Tony Villella, who spent some time in the defensive backfield last year, is looking for playing time, along with senior David Frontero and junior college transfer Danny Hooker. John Massey returns at tight end. The line features Scott Reade, all-Ivy second team, who has started at both tackle and guard. Also returning with starting time are center Troy Thompson, tackle George Wood, and guard Anthony Tabasso.

On defense, end Jeff Woodring was first in forced fumbles and third in sacks. Ed Groszewski, who blocked four kicks last year, is the other end, with Jack Dankert, Hans Maentz, and Mark Mako and junior Bryan Carr at tackle. Chris Zingo nailed more than a few ball carriers in his first year as a starter last season. Other key players at linebacker are Ron Vitullo, David Bainbridge, and Jeff Taylor. In the secondary, Will Appling and Ethan Levitas return at cornerback and Ryan Blattenberger at strong safety. Steve Haggerty is also expected to see some time at safety.

PENNSYLVANIA

New coach Al Bagnoli guided Union to the Division III playoffs six times in the last 10 years and compiled an 86-19 record. This year, Bagnoli will have his work cut out for him, for the Quakers finished with a dismal 2-5 record in the Ivy League last season.

Sean Boyle, who started nine games as a sophomore and last season was a backup to all-Ivy Dan Dedic, returns to the defensive line with Dave Vernon, Matt Ulizio, Carter Crum, and Matt O'Connell. The linebacking features Andy Berlin. Vying for the other inside slot are Jim Flannery, Parnell Citrus, and Jim Stewart. Dave Betten started every game on the outside. Cornerback Maceo Grant, who before being sidelined with a broken wrist last season, started in six games and had 35 tackles. Tom Gibbs is at free safety and Mike Turner at cornerback. Jim Magallanes had 23 tackles and a fumble recovery. Sophomore Jamie Daniels is also in the picture.

On the offensive line, guard Odin Brutsche and center Erick Trombley return. At tackle are Frank Caccuro, Chris Fragakis, and Joe Hoffmann, with Greg Peeke, Jeremy Hirsch, Eric Johnson, and Kelly Tolton at guard. The receiving corps includes Chris Brassell, who averaged 16.7 yards per reception; Mike Baker, who led the team with 28 catches; and Cache Miller, who averaged 10.5 yards.

Fitz McKinnon and Jim McGeehan are battling for the starting job at quarterback. Returning at running back is the aptly named Sundiata Rush, who led the Quakers last year in rushing with 787 yards and 4.2 yards per carry. Ako Mott has breakaway speed.

BROWN

Head coach Mickey Kwiatkowski, whose team struggled with a 1-6 record, has just seven starters returning.

Brett Brown ranked fifth in the nation in all-purpose running with 166.9 yards per game, including 821 rushing yards, the third-best single-season rushing performance in school history. Quarterback Jeff Barrett threw for 1,276 yards and five TDs. His main targets will be Rene Ovalle and Chris Cady. The Bears will be rebuilding the line that helped account for the league's No. 2 offense. Center Michael Adams was a part-time starter last season who will be challenged by Marc Kolb and sophomores Steve Fieler and Cameron Powell. At tackle, David Lindstrom and Charlie Seelandt should emerge as the starters with Anthony Moro, Rich Garza, and Joshua Kiev competing at guard.

Defensively, Brown lacks experience. There are job openings in the line and at linebacker. Senior Chris Gordon is the lone starter returning to the linebacking unit. Rick Britton, with 46 solo tackles last year, and Kiilu Davis are the strength the secondary.

HARVARD

Mike Giardi, who became the first sophomore to start at quarterback since coach Joe Restic took over the program in 1971, led the team in scoring (78 points) and his 13 rushing touchdowns set a school record. He also threw for 1,193 yards. Rejoining him in the backfield this fall is leading rusher (633 yards) and receiver (32 receptions for 483 yards, 3 TDs) Robb Hirsch and Kendrick Joyce (467 yards). Tight end Colby Maher, who had offseason surgery, caught 25 passes for 328 yards. Chris Taylor and Mark Begert also return. The offensive line lost all but one starter: guard Jeff Landry. Jason Slavik, Marc Hourihan, and David Rogers are possible replacements.

On defense, Kayode Owens returns after a year away from football. A part-time starter two years ago, Owens should take over for the departed Spencer Neumann at right end. Liam Sullivan should be a key player for the Crimson. Phil Furse returns at right tackle and James Reddinger at left end. At linebacker, J.J. Vasquez and Monte Giese will be joined by Sam Wolff, Brian Ramer, and Peter Maulik. The secondary will be led by big-play safeties Chris Pillsbury and Robert Santos.

YALE

Head coach Carmen Cozza's biggest job will be finding a starting quarterback. Darin Kehler and Nick Crawford accounted for 5,698 yards in offense while leading Yale to 20 victories in 30 starts in the last three seasons. Dave Lebec missed all of last season with a dislocated shoulder, and Steve Mills and Matt Swedick saw limited action. The other major loss is running back Chris Kouri, who finished last season with 1,101 yards and eight TDs. Dave Sheronas and Dave Kelley split time last year at fullback. This season Sheronas will be moved to tailback. The receiving corps should be able to put some points on the scoreboard with junior Dave Iwan and sophomores Dave Feuerstein and Mark Meltz. The line will be anchored by Andy Walker and Bart Newman. Scott Horst, Tim O'Hara, Keenan Smith, and John Calce have experience.

Erik Lee and Fred Howard are two of the better tackles in the league. Ben Heim and Carter Hunt provide depth. The linebacking crew includes Jeff Kenney, Mark McKane, John Saunders, Milt Hubbard, and Martin Feeny. John Patterson is the lone returning regular in the secondary, where Jason Daumeyer, Rodney Burford, Mike Brown, and Dan Urban are competing for starting roles.

COLUMBIA

Coach Ray Tellier, whose Lions won just one of eight games last season, has his work cut out this fall. He will be using two quarterbacks. Jason Doolittle broke into the lineup in the final third of last season, giving Columbia a sprint-out attack. Chad Andrzejewski didn't see action at quarterback, but his athletic ability and speed were needed on the special teams. In the backfield, the Lions feature Solomon Johnson, Greg Abbruzzese, and Bryan Pennartz, who combined for 1,189 yards. Abbruzzese and Johnson are Columbia's No. 2 and No. 3 all-time leading rushers. The deepest position is wide receiver: Mike Sardo (42 receptions, 512 yards, 5 TDs), a three-year starter, and Dennis Lufferty and Ken Hayes (25 receptions each). Brian Williams should get the nod at tight end. Up front, John Coughlin and Matt Streem return. Jason Tarbart, a highly rated junior college transfer who missed last season with a broken foot, should start at either center or tackle.

On defense, Gary Kasprzak, Jim Daine, and Adam Yeloushan will put their quickness to use in Columbia's 4-3 alignment, with John Jennings and Alberto Marconi. A fixture at inside linebacker, senior Des Werthman, an all-Ivy standout, will be backed up by Matt Thompson, who missed last season because of a shoulder injury. Rick Brendens leads the outside-linebacking corps that includes Jay Don Johnson and Jamie Norton. In the secondary, Kevin Robinson, Tim Hawkes, Mark Calveric, and Joe Hill are experienced. Robinson, a quick and athletic ex-running back, should be one of the Ivy's best corners. □

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EASTERN DIVISION

FLORIDA

The defending conference champion Gators will try for an encore performance this season, but must replace four key offensive linemen, two of whom were all-conference. Florida returns seven starters on defense and four on offense, including quarterback Shane Matthews and SEC rushing leader Errict Rhett, who were driving forces behind the Gators' 10-2 season that included a 7-0 SEC mark.

Matthews, the SEC Player of the Year, was an ideal fit for coach Steve Spurrier's pass-happy offense. Matthews already holds 21 Florida and six SEC records. His 3,130 passing yards in 1991 and 2,952 in 1990 rank No. 2 and No. 3 in SEC history, while his 28 touchdown passes in '91 and 23 in '90 stand as first and third in the conference record books. Matthews is 447 of 739 for 6,082 yards and 51 touchdowns, with 30 interceptions, in his career. Rhett, a junior, slashed his way to 1,109 yards and became only the fourth Gator running back to break the 1,000-yard mark in a single season.

Matthews has plenty of returning targets, starting with wide receiver Willie Jackson, a sophomore who led the league with 10 touchdown catches and was second in receptions. (51). Tre Everett and Harrison Houston will make the Gators' air attack a nightmare for opposing defenses. Jim Watson is the lone returning starter in the line.

Defensively, Florida returns one of the nation's top backs in senior free safety Will White, who is tied for the all-time interception total with 13. Other defensive backs with all-star potential are Larry Kennedy, Del Speer, and Lawrence Hatch. Carlton Miles, the team's leading tackler, will team with Ed Robinson at inside linebacker. Darren Mickell and Harvey Thomas are back at end, and once again the Florida defense should be formida-

Will White
Florida

ble. Punter Shayne Edge, as a true freshman last year, ranked fourth in the nation (43.3). The Gators are in the market for a place-kicker, and Ryan Ruland is a leading candidate.

The Gators last season outscored opponents by an average margin of 19 points. Their combined 13-1 SEC record over the last two years is the best two-year total in school history, and Spurrier—with a stockpile of talent and snowballing confidence—shows no indication of letting up.

GEORGIA

Coach Ray Goff returns 13 starters from last year's 9-3 team. The offense revolves around quarterback Eric Zeier (rhymes with "fire"), last season's SEC Freshman of the Year. Although Zeier did not start until the sixth game, he set school records for most pass completions (159), attempts (286), and passing yards (1,984). He threw only four interceptions along the way, setting an SEC record for interception percentage.

One of Zeier's top targets this fall will be junior Andre Hastings, who last year had 48 receptions for 683 yards and five touchdowns. Junior Garrison Hearst is back at scatback, where he averaged 6.3 yards per carry, compiling 968 yards. Having started just 13 games in his first two seasons, Hearst has already rushed for 1,685 yards. Mack Strong, the team's No. 3 rusher, is back, along with Frank Harvey. Three veterans return at tight end: Shannon Mitchell, Paul Etheridge, and Collin Brandon. Redshirt freshman Troy Stark will also compete for playing time. Seven lettermen are back in the line, including tackles Alec Millen and Bernard Williams, guard Steve Roberts, and center/guard Jack Swan.

In the defensive line, tackles Casey Barnum, George Brewer, and Donnie Maib return. At outside linebacker, Mitch Davis and Damon Ward bring considerable experience. Davis tied for the team lead in sacks and tackles for loss last season. The inside-linebacker slot will be missing the two leading tacklers. Torrey Evans and Travis Jones are being counted on to fill the gap. The secondary loses three of four starters but returns a quality player in free safety Ralph Thompson.

Veteran punter Scot Armstrong, who missed the last three games with a leg injury, is back, after averaging 41.9 yards per kick. Kanon Parkman and Todd Peterson will handle the place-kicking.

TENNESSEE

The Volunteers marched to a 9-3 record last season (5-2 in the SEC, good for third). But coach Johnny Majors saw his ranks riddled by graduation and returns only six starters for his 16th season at his alma mater.

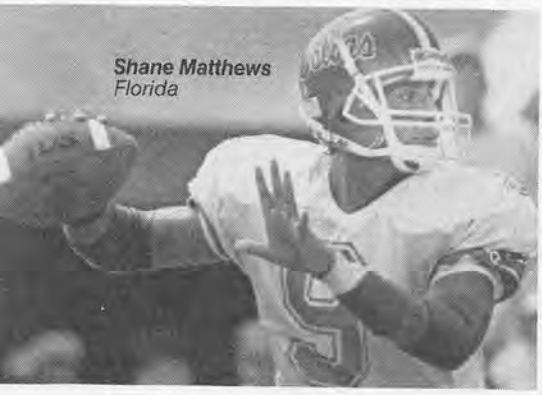
The position that has captured the most attention is quarterback, where the dependable Andy Kelly had been established. This fall the job will be up for grabs between Jerry Colquitt and the highly touted Heath Shuler.

Despite the personnel loss, the Vols' talent pool is far from depleted. UT returns two standout sophomore tailbacks in James Stewart and Aaron Hayden. Stewart was the Vols' leading rusher last season (939 yards and 8 TDs). He finished fifth in the conference in rushing and 15th in scoring and tied a school record with six 100-yard-plus rushing games. Hayden, sixth in the SEC in rushing (704 yards and 7 TDs) had three 100-yard-plus games and caught 10 passes for 99 yards. Mario Brunson is a top contender for fullback.

Tennessee fields three of the league's better targets in juniors Craig Faulkner (35-509) and Corey Fleming (14-170) and senior J.J. McCleskey (35-391), who also plays defensive back and on the special teams. All-America candidate Mike Stowell is the only returnee on the line.

End Todd Kelly and tackle J.J. Surlas are the two returning starters on defense. Kelly registered five quarterback sacks last year, while Surlas made 28 tackles, including 16 solos. Linebacker, long a mainstay in the UT defense, has three prime candidates in Willie Richards, Jeremy Spivey, and Ben Tally. The new cornerbacks are Tracy Smith and Steve Session, with Victor Brown at strong safety and David Bennett at free.

Sophomore Tom Hutton is the top candidate for the punting job, with Joey Chapman and John Becksvoort contending at place-kicker.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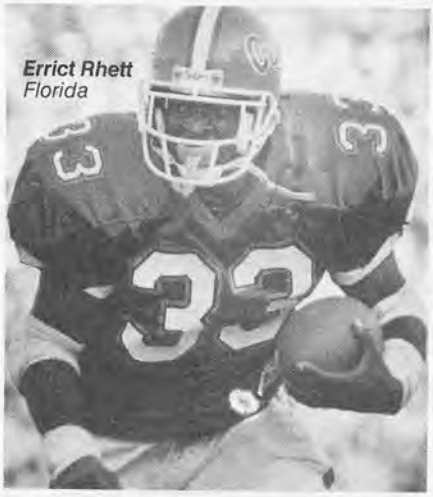
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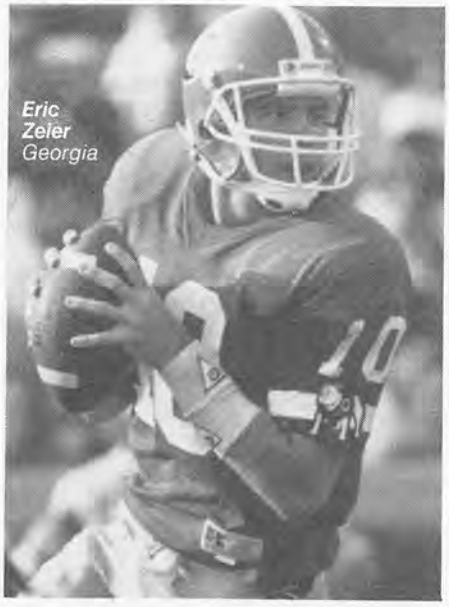
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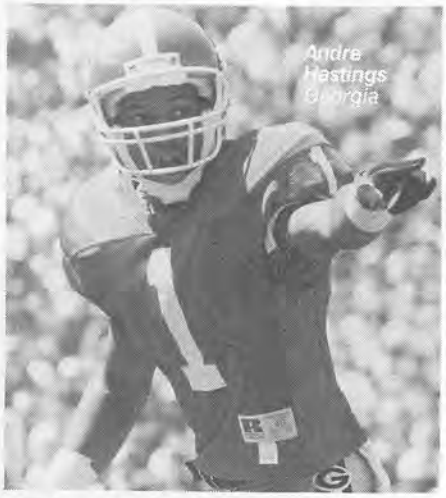
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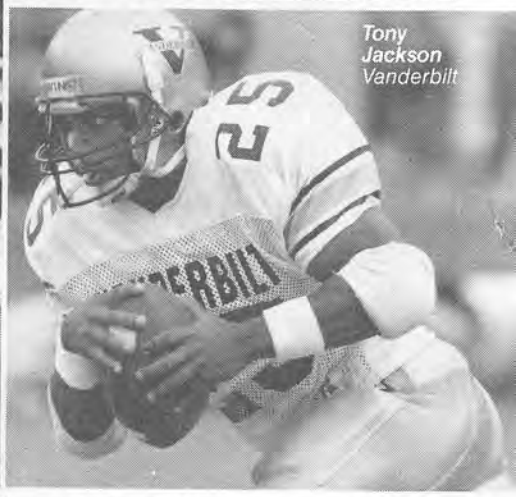
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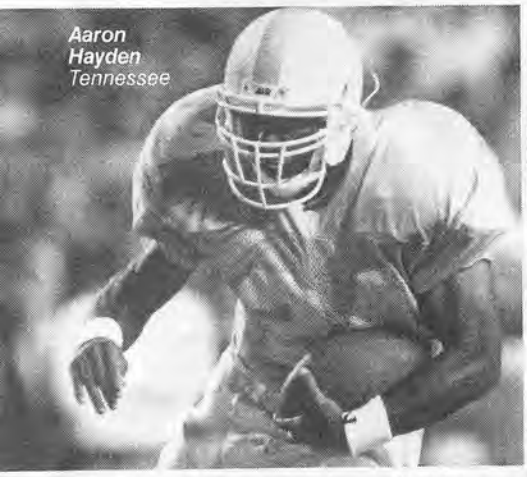
VANDERBILT

Gerry DiNardo, in his first season as a head coach, marched a program that had posted back-to-back 1-10 seasons to a 5-6 finish and won SEC Coach of the Year honors in the process. "We've still got a long way to go before we're where we want to be," said DiNardo, whose mission is to turn the perennial bottom-bumping Commodores into a serious conference contender. "I feel like we made a step in the right direction last season, and now we need to take another one."

Much of Vandy's hopes center around senior quarterback Marcus Wilson, a threat on the ground or in the air in DiNardo's I-bone attack. Wilson led the SEC in scoring, with 68 points, running for 11 touchdowns and one two-point conversion. He is one of eight returning offensive starters. Gone is tailback Corey Harris, who missed the SEC rushing title by six yards. Tony Jackson or some other candidates must fill the void. Veteran fullback Carlos Thomas, who led the team in rushing as a freshman and sophomore before turning more of his attention to blocking in Vandy's new tailback-oriented offense, returns, but the line was thinned by graduation. The Commodores have a quality receiver in senior Clarence Sevillian, who last year caught 16 passes for 382 yards (a 23.9-yard average) and three TDs.

Nine defensive starters are back from last year's vastly improved unit, including No. 2 tackler Gerald Collins at inside linebacker. Outside linebacker Shelton Quarles made 74 tackles, forced five fumbles, and recovered four. The secondary returns intact, led by cornerbacks Robert Davis and Robbie Young and free safety Aaron Smith. David Lawrence, all-SEC the last two years, averaged 42.7 yards per punt. The place-kicking is up for grabs between Robbie Chura and redshirt freshman Rob Juliano.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In addition to last seagon's new-found success, another factor that has boosted Vandy fans' hopes for the future is an incoming recruiting crop that many consider the finest in the school's history.

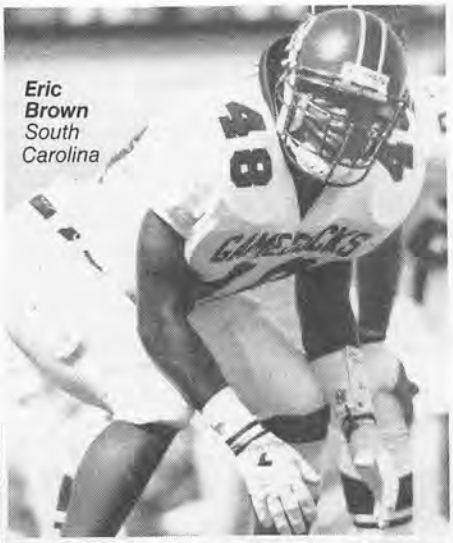
SOUTH CAROLINA

The Gamecocks are coming off a 3-6-2 record with 12 returning starters and facing a schedule that coach Sparky Woods termed "frightening." It includes eight bowl teams from '91.

One of the keys for the South Carolina offense is largely untested quarterback Wright Mitchell, who last season hit 13 of 24 passes for 152 yards and ran for two touchdowns. One target will be sophomore Asim Penny, who caught seven passes for 75 yards. Leroy Jeter, operating out of the H-back slot, caught 27 for 272 yards and two TDs. At running back, Brandon Bennett compiled 702 yards and scored nine touchdowns on 154 carries as a freshman. Rob DeBoer had 285 yards and sophomore Terry Wilburn 135.

Defensively, junior inside linebacker Eric Brown made 101 tackles last year, including 69 solos, and also had one fumble recovery and three interceptions. Cedric Bembery is back at nose guard, where he made 47 tackles, including 25 solos and seven tackles for losses. Bembery is considered perhaps the team's top all-round defender. In the secondary, strong safety Tony Watkins had 70 tackles and two interceptions, while free safety Norman Greene recorded 56 tackles and two fumble recoveries.

Place-kicker Marty Simpson as a freshman last season hit 28 of 32 extra points and six of 13 field goals. The Gamecocks are searching for a punter.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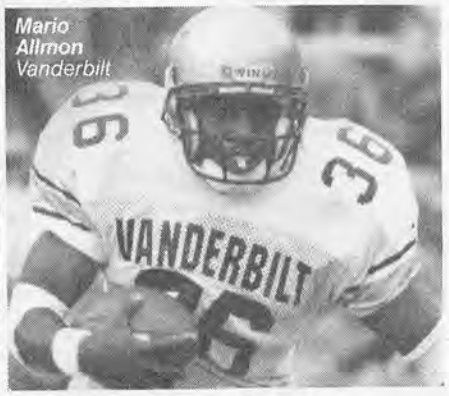
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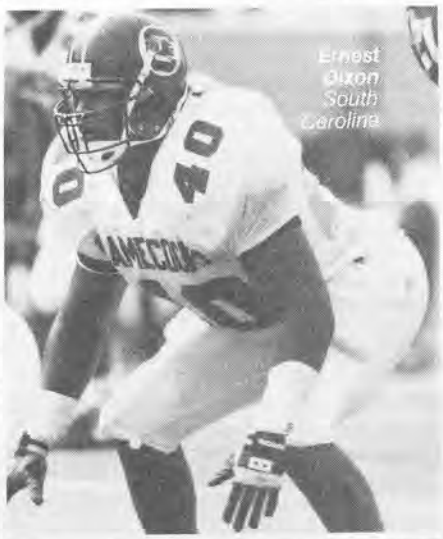
KENTUCKY

Coach Bill Curry's team last season posted a 3-8 record that included an 0-7 league mark. Curry returns 18 starters this fall to help him reverse the Wildcats' fortunes.

The Cats lost quarterback Brad Smith, who opted to skip his final season and enter law school. Another quarterback candidate, Pookie Jones, did not participate in spring practice, leaving senior Ryan Hockman and two freshmen—Jeremy Niece and Justin Wassel—to work at the position. Craig Walker entered the spring as the No. 1 fullback, with sophomore Clyde Rudolph at tailback and Kurt Johnson at flanker. Neil Page was atop the depth chart at tight end, with Tim Calvert and Mark Chatmon at wide receiver. Guard Todd Perry anchors the line.

Kentucky has some impressive talent sprinkled throughout the team, starting with junior linebacker Marty Moore, whose 183 tackles led the SEC and set a school record. The 6-1, 234-pounder also led his team in tackles for losses, with seven, and had two fumble recoveries. Senior free safety Brad Armstead ranked third in the SEC in interceptions, with four. After 31 games, Armstead has made 217 hits and broken up 15 passes.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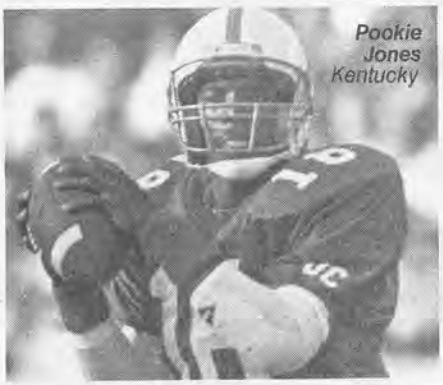
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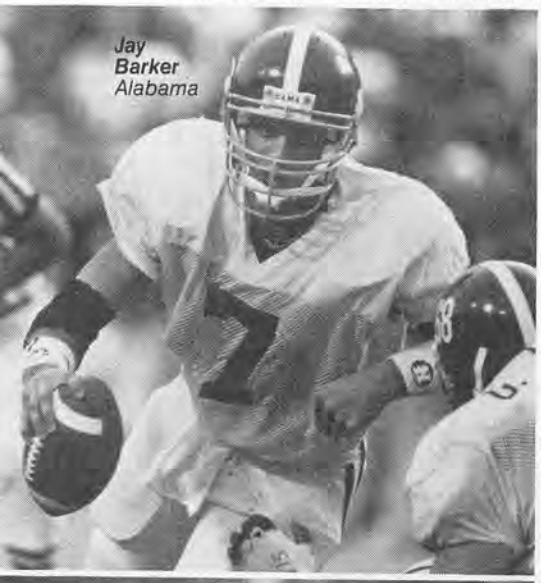
Senior Doug Pelfrey is the SEC's leading long-distance place-kicker. He led the Wildcats in scoring last season, with 50 points. His two 53-yard kicks are a school record. He owns UK marks for most kicks over 50 yards in a season (four) and career (five).

western division
1. Alabama, 2. Arkansas, 3 Mississippi State, 4. Auburn, 5. Mississippi, 6. LSU

ALABAMA

The Crimson Tide turned heads and raised eyebrows last season with an impressive 11-1 record that included a 6-1 SEC mark, good for second place, and a final No. 5 (Associated Press) national ranking. Coach Gene Stallings heads into his third season at Alabama with proven talent: 16 returning starters.

Leading the offense will be soph quarterback Jay Barker, who is undefeated as the Tide's starter. Barker stepped in last season and led the team to victories over LSU, Memphis State, and—in the Blockbuster Bowl—Colorado. Barker completed 33 of 66 passes for 554 yards and one touchdown, with three interceptions. Those career statistics do not include Barker's 154-yard, three-touchdown bowl performance. Another key figure in the Bama game plan is sophomore flanker/punt returner David Palmer, MVP of the Blockbuster Bowl. Palmer set a school record for most punts returned for touchdowns (3) and most punt-return yards in a single season (386). His 90-yard return against LSU was the fourth-longest in school history. Palmer compiled 1,113 all-purpose yards and was the Tide's fourth-leading scorer (36 points). He was also the team's leading receiver (17 catches for 314 yards and three touchdowns).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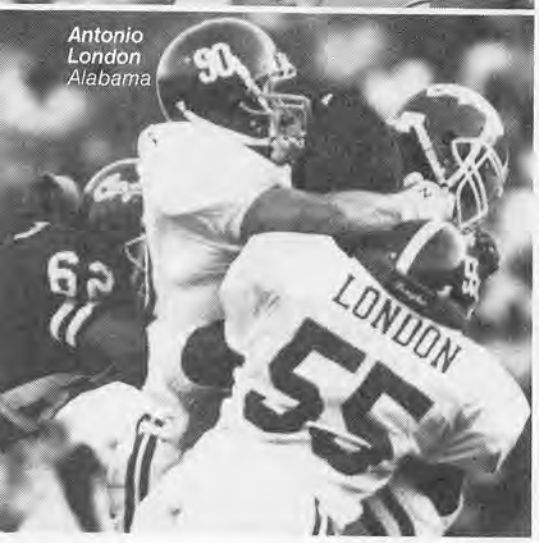

Antonio London Alabama

Other Crimson Tide standouts include defensive ends John Copeland and Eric Curry, cornerback Antonio Langham, linebacker Derrick Oden, inside linebacker Antonio London, free safety George Teague, and running back Derrick Lassic. Teague was one of Bama's top defenders last year, with six interceptions and 54 tackles. Lassic carried 70 times for 368 yards, an average of 5.3 yards per carry, and two touchdowns. Copeland is Alabama's leading returning tackler.

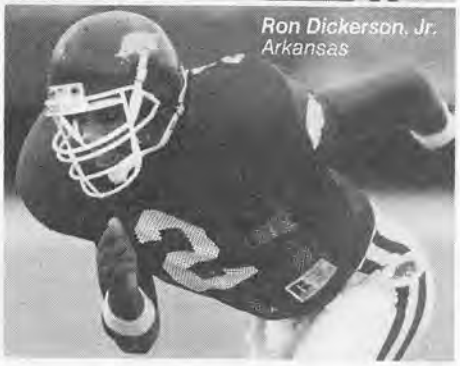
Place-kicker Matt Wethington returns, having connected on seven of 12 kicks last year, with a long of 42 yards. The Tide will be looking for a replacement punter; leading candidates are J.J. Adams and Bryne Diehl.

ARKANSAS

The Razorbacks make the switch from the Southwest to the Southeastern Conference this season with 12 starters from last year's 6-6 team. Coach Jack Crowe has installed a new offense, but Wade Hill was his only healthy quarterback in the spring, with Jason Allen and Doyle Preston able to work on a limited basis after corrective knee surgery during the 1991 season. "Our No. 1 priority offensively is on hold to some extent," said Crowe. Two newcomers, Barry Lunney Jr. and Mike Cherry, could also work their way into the quarterback picture, but neither will be available until the fall.

The offensive line returns guard Ray Straschinske and Issac Davis with Chris Oliver back at tackle. The Razorbacks are deep at receiver and running back. Ron Dickerson Jr. was the leading receiver last season with 25 catches for 372 yards and three touchdowns. Next was junior Tracy Caldwell (21-283), who has started every game at flanker for the past two seasons. Tight end Kirk Botkin has quality backups in Lee Keith, Eric Browning, and Troy Kestner. E.D. Jackson, Tony Jeffery, Freddie Bradley, Chris Kirby, and Jared Kaaiohelo are back at running back, along with Carlton Calvin and Cordale Johnson.

George Teague Alabama

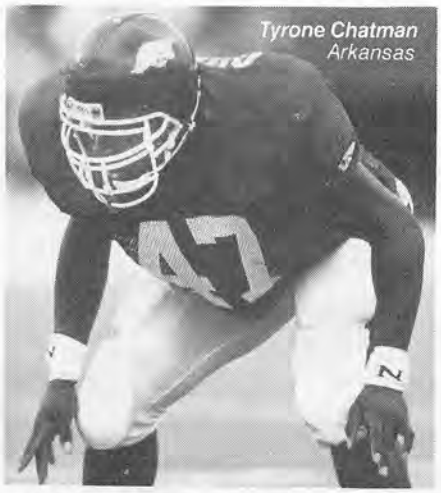

Ron Dickerson, Jr. Arkansas

Another major concern for Crowe is bracing his secondary. Junior cornerback Orlando Watters returns and Gary Adams, a former quarterback who was moved to defense last season, will open at free safety. Up front defensively, Arkansas is strong and experienced, starting with ends Ray Lee Johnson and Henry Ford. Also back are tackle Scott Long and nose guard Owen Kelly. Darwin Ireland and Tyrone Chatman return at outside linebacker, with quality backups in Carl Johnson and Willie Johnson. Top candidates for the inside slots are Kelly Yeager, Kevin Kempf, and John Williamson.

Todd Wright and Pete Raether return. Wright is the most accurate place-kicker in school history (.796) and is seventh in career scoring. Raether is an All-America punter.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

In his first year on the job, Bulldogs coach Jackie Sherrill guided his team to a 7-5 record (the school's first winning season since 1986) and also earned the first postseason bowl berth (Liberty Bowl) since 1981. In the process, Mississippi State set school records for season-ticket sales, attendance, and television appearances, as the Bulldogs played their way into the national ratings.


Tyrone Chatman Arkansas

This season Sherrill hopes to take that incredible progress to yet another level with the return of 19 starters. Heading the list is William (Sleepy) Robinson, who operates the controls of the Bulldogs' multiple offense, which last season went from ninth to third in the SEC in rushing. Robinson led his team in passing (77 of 141 for 1,167 yards and eight touchdowns) and rushing (543 yards and five TDs). Despite missing two games with an ankle injury, Robinson still finished third in the SEC in total offense (190 yards per game).

The backfield features William Prince and Kenny Roberts, who ranked third and fourth, respectively, in receiving. Joining them are junior college All-America Kevin Bouie. Mississippi State returns its top four receivers, led by Willie Harris, who caught 24 passes for 529 yards. Tony James had 16 catches for 258 yards. All five starters are back in the line, anchored by all-SEC tackle John James.

Defensively, Mississippi State welcomes back eight starters, including ends Jerome

Brown and Kevin Henry. Daniel Boyd, who posted 112 tackles, including 74 solo hits, heads a solid linebacker corps and cornerback Edward Williams a veteran secondary.

Tony James is on target to become the SEC's all-time kick-return-yardage leader and only the second player in MSU history to record 1,000 or more career return yards. Chris Gardner, who hit nine of 14 field goals, is back. The punting job is up for grabs between Todd Jordan and Josh Siefkin.

AUBURN

After a rocky season marked by charges of misdeeds by a former player—a case reportedly still pending in the NCAA—the Tigers are ready to plunge back into action.

Coach Pat Dye returns 11 starters, including standout quarterback Stan White, who has two talented tackles to work behind: senior Chris Gray (6-4, 271) and junior Wayne Gandy (6-4, 283). Both are all-star candidates. Tight end Fred Baxter missed spring practice while playing first base for the baseball team, but he is expected to pick up this fall where he left off last season. He was the team's leading receiver (28 catches for 391 yards). Thomas Bailey, a wide receiver/kick-return specialist, last season became the first player in SEC history to gain more than 1,000 yards (1,118) in returns in a single season. A redshirt sophomore, Bailey also made seven catches for 76 yards. The Tigers return fullback Reid McMilion and all-SEC freshman tailback Joe Frazier.

Defensively, cornerback Fred Smith was named to a freshman All-America team last year after recording 107 tackles—including 67 solos—causing two fumbles, and making four interceptions. Linebacker James Willis, limited to seven starts because of injuries, still made 95 tackles, after making 123 as a freshman. In less than two full seasons, Willis has recorded six sacks and 14 tackles for losses. Other returning defensive starters are linemen Ricky Sutton and Tim Cromartie and linebacker Bennie Pierce.

Punter Thery George is back, but Auburn will be seeking a replacement for departed placekicker Jim Von Wyl.

MISSISSIPPI

The Rebels will be trying to bounce back from a disappointing 5-6 finish last season that included a dismal 1-6 SEC record, and coach Billy Brewer is reloading with a vengeance. Heading into his 12th season at his alma mater, Brewer has revamped his staff with new offensive and defensive coordinators.

The Rebels will go from a split-back offense this fall to an I-formation, with senior Russ Shows at the controls. Shows ranks sixth in career passing at Ole Miss (2,378 yards) and is coming off a 1,369-yard season. Tailback Melvin Courtney was one of the SEC's most underrated players last season, ranked third in the league in scoring (68 points). He also was the team's second-leading rusher (454 yards) and receiver. Jon Bell and Jeremy Veasley, who played for national JC champ Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, could make an immediate impact at fullback. Anchoring the offensive line is senior Everett Lindsay. A walk-on who played his way to a scholarship, Lindsay last season received second-team All-America mention.

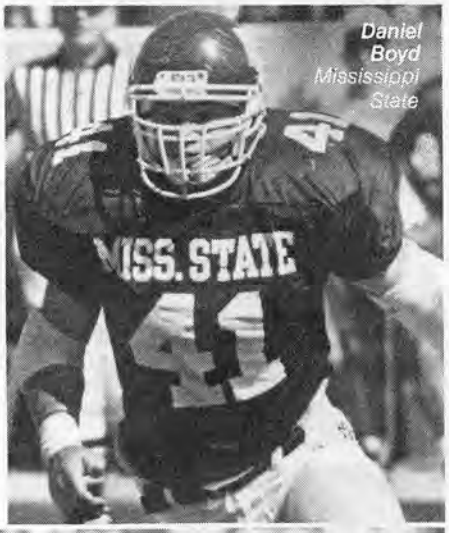
Defensively, senior inside linebacker Gary Abide is back, after leading the squad in tackles (111), including 16 solo hits in games against Vandy and Memphis State. Free safety Gerald Vaughn and strong safety Johnny Dixon give Ole Miss a solid secondary.

The kicking game appears in good shape with seniors Richard Chisolm and Brian Lee. Chisolm's 42.1-yard punting average was third in the SEC, and Lee goes into his final season with 137 points, seventh on the Mississippi scoring list.

LOUISIANA STATE

Coach Curley Hallman heads into his second season as Bengals coach eager to improve on last year's 5-6 record, and he has a veteran squad. LSU returns 16 starters. Hallman made several position shakeups, most notably shifting Vincent Fuller from tailback, where he started 10 games, to defensive back, where he played in 1990. Mike Stepteau was also moved from tailback to defensive back. Quarterback Jesse Daigle is being given a look at wide receiver and defensive back and receiver Gary Pegues is working extensively at cornerback.

With Daigle, who started six games at quarterback last season, getting work at other positions, Chad Loup could solidify his spot at quarterback. Loup started six games last season. Hallman also has redshirt Ryan Huffman and Brad Strohm to choose from. With Fuller transferred out of the backfield, Odell Beckham and James Jacquet could both step to the forefront at running back. The Tigers have one of the



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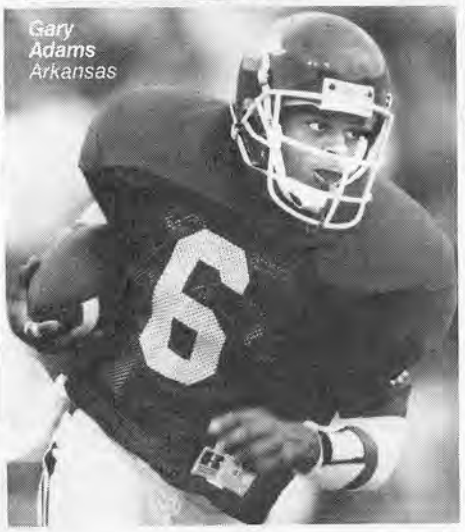

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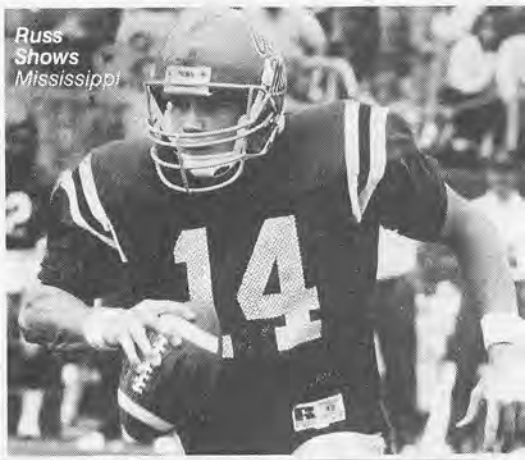

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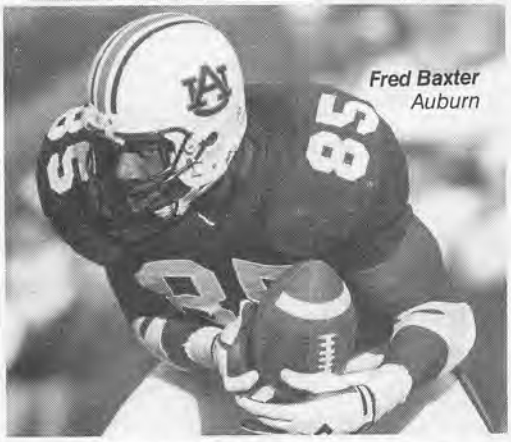

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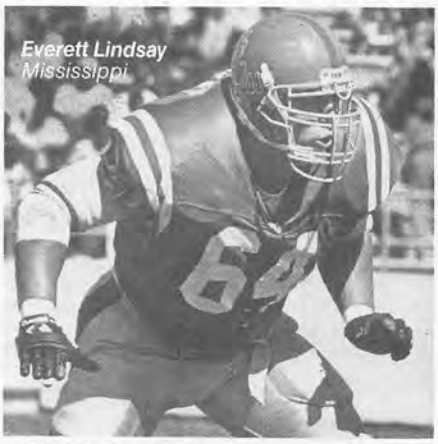
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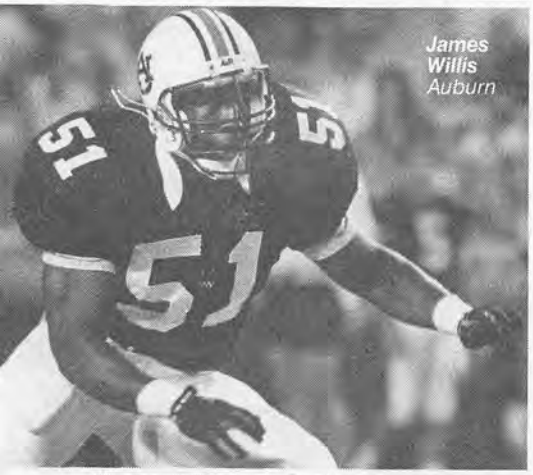
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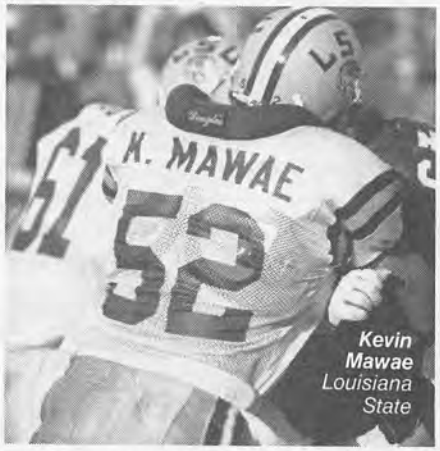
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SEC's premier offensive linemen in junior tackle/guard Kevin Mawae.

Ricardo Washington anchors the linebacker corps. Moved to inside linebacker from tight end two weeks before the season opened, he proceeded to become the team's third-leading tackler. He also caused three fumbles, including one on the goal line to preserve a victory over Vanderbilt. Even before the position shifts brought more talent to the secondary, LSU had two top performers there in free safety Anthony Marshall and strong safety Derriel McCorvey. Marshall led all defensive backs in tackles, caused one fumble and recovered two more, and had one interception. McCorvey had two quarterback sacks, caused two fumbles, recovered one, and had one interception.

Another weapon for the Bengals will be Pedro Suarez, who led the team in scoring, hitting 13 of 19 field goals and 20 PATs.

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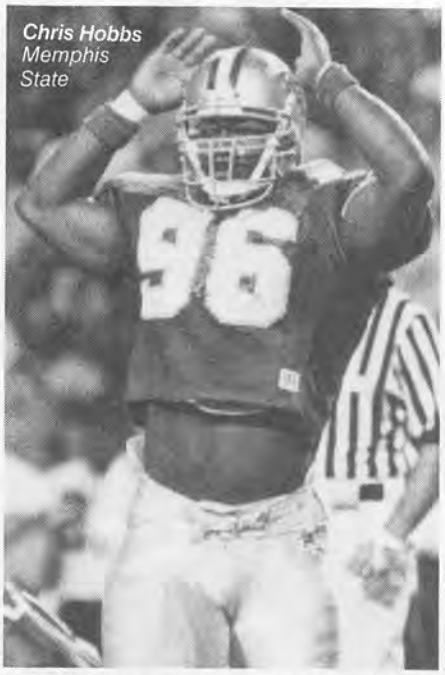
MEMPHIS STATE

A challenging schedule that features five bowl teams isn't enough to dampen the high hopes Tigers fans have about what's shaping up as one of their stronger teams. Coach Chuck Stobart has the nucleus to challenge for a bowl bid and a senior-dominated class ready to grab the national spotlight. That's just what Memphis State did in last year's season opener by upsetting Southern Cal, 24-10. The excitement waned, though, when the Tigers plunged to a 5-6 mark.

Stobart's got his entire starting defense and eight regulars returning on offense. He's got all the pieces except the most important one. Just how far Memphis State goes will depend greatly on the play of the quarterback. The job's still up in the air.

Gone from the Tigers is starting quarterback Keith Benton. Senior Joe Cole, who left the University of Miami after struggling there, won the starting job in the spring. Still, the Tigers went recruiting for quick help, stocking up with junior college transfers Steve Matthews, formerly of the University of Tennessee, and Charles "Choo Choo" Walker. They also have high hopes for prep standout Clifton Davis, the player of the year in Mississippi, and freshman Darrell Williams.

The Tigers are five deep at running back as Larry Porter, the leading rusher a year ago with 454 yards on 116 carries, returns to lead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the way along with sophomore Marcus Holliday, who rushed for 138 yards against Tennessee. Leon Bosby (342-93-6) is back at fullback. The receiving corps is so strong that John Bush (25-420-3), the leading target, will be pushed for time. Sophomore Mac Cody is a strong newcomer with all-star candidate Russell Copeland, the No. 6 receiver in school history, back after a year's suspension. Senior tight end Gary Bouldin also is back. The line returns four starters: Jeff King, Larry Bolton, Joe Stanley, and Steve Williams.

Defense should be the Tigers' strength. Junior linebacker Danton Barto is an All-America candidate. Nose guard Chris Hobbs, tackle Pat Jansen, and cornerback Dominic Calloway are the top players. Senior safety Eric Nelson, a transfer from UCLA, is exceptional. Punter Jeff Buffaloe (42.3) is a valued asset. Junior Joe Allison hit six of 13 field goal attempts a year ago.

LOUISVILLE

The Cardinals, soaring steadily toward coach Howard Schnellenberger's lofty goal of becoming an elite football program, came crashing to earth last year. Louisville fans were be-

Marvin Courtney
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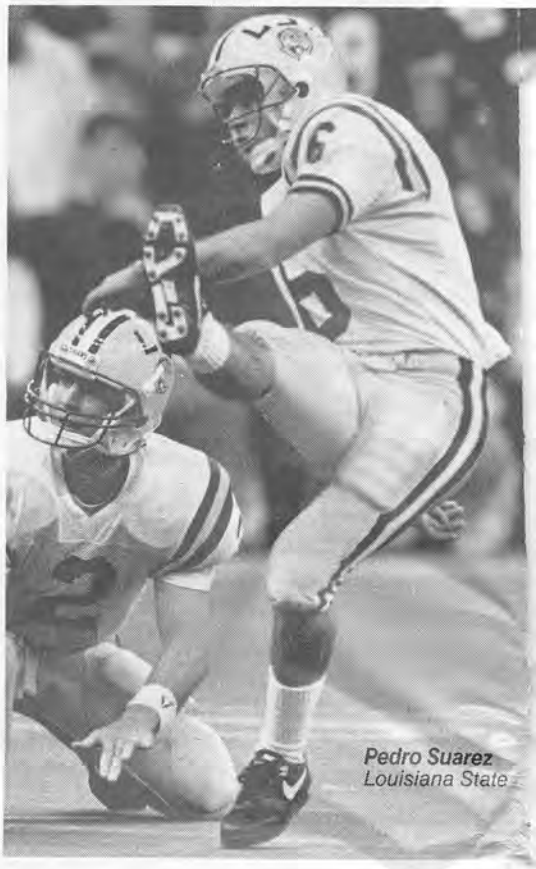
Pedro Suarez
Louisiana State

coming believers after a 34-7 rout of Alabama in the 1991 Fiesta Bowl. Schnellenberger had them thinking that maybe football could one day rival basketball for their affections. After last year's plunge to 2-9, there are plenty of skeptics again.

It was a hard-luck season for Schnellenberger. Jeff Brohm, the golden-armed local kid who was going to pick up where Browning Nagle left off, had his season come to an early end when he broke his right leg in the second game, a 28-11 loss to Tennessee. Louisville's season then broke down behind him. The Cards lost their final seven games.

Schnellenberger picks up the pieces with six starters back on offense and seven on defense. Brohm, a junior, was considered one of the best prep quarterbacks Kentucky has ever produced. An exceptional athlete, he also plays shortstop in the Cleveland Indians minor league system. He's a key to the '92 season. Brohm will get much help from Ralph Dawkins, who led the Cards in rushing last year (622 yards). He also led the team in rushing as a freshman, the first frosh ever to do that. Key players back include Jeff's brother, receiver Greg Brohm (11-138), and Kevin Cook (16-243-1), tight end Jose Gonzalez (25-348-1), and tackle Kevin Blumeier.

Defensively, free safety Ray Buchanan is one of the nation's best. He set a Louisville record with eight interceptions last year and has 11 for his career. He needs four more to break the school mark. Linebackers Andy Culley and Ben Sumpter, the top two tacklers a year ago, also return.

Ray Buchanan
Louisville

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Coach Nelson Stokley will be looking to put some firepower back in his Ragin' Cajuns' offense in a quest to return to his winning ways. After four straight winning seasons, Stokely saw his team drop off to 5-6 two years ago and then plummet to 2-8-1 last year. With 16 starters back, there's hope again in Lafayette.

The Ragin' Cajuns need to show improvement on offense if they are to compete in tough road games at Auburn, Houston, and Tennessee. The days when quarterback Brian Mitchell lit up the scoreboard with the run-and-shoot are long gone. The Ragin' Cajuns managed only 13.5 points per game last year. Stokley is running a multiple offense these days that still relies on the running skills of a quarterback. Southwestern Louisiana struggled to find its man a year ago. James Freeman, who opened the season at quarterback, is now a linebacker, so the job belongs to Tyjuan Hayes, with sophomore Reggie Hayes also in the picture.

Seven starters are back on offense. Receiver Wayde Butler (38-491-3), sophomore tailback Steve Mocek (90-391-2), fullback Reginald Francois, and tight end Buck Moncla fill the skill positions. The line has much to prove with sophomore guard Brett Yarbro (6-4, 258) the only returning starter.

Defensively, nine starters return to what should be a hard-nosed unit. Tackle James Atkins (6-6, 299) is the menacing backbone. Linebackers Willie Sims and Terrance Ross anchor the middle with cornerback Donald Collins and sophomore safety Orlanda Thomas stabilizing the secondary.

TULANE

The Green Wave is billing this team as the New Wave under first-year coach Eugene "Buddy" Teevens. Tulane hired Teevens from Dartmouth to replace Greg Davis and turn the fortunes of Green Wave football around. Teevens built programs at Dartmouth, where he won consecutive Ivy League titles, and at Maine. The jump to Division I-A will be Teevens's toughest test yet, but at least he has 20 returning starters to rely on. That's 10 on offense, eight on defense, and two specialists. Teevens needs to instill a winning attitude in a cast that endured a 1-10 disaster a year ago. The offense was shut out twice and the defense yielded 30 or more points seven times.

The rebuilding starts with hope on offense with some talented skill players back. Junior receiver Wilbert Ursin (70-969-9) had an outstanding season despite Tulane's struggles. He ranked among the top 10 nationally in receiving. The leading rusher, fullback Chance Miller (163-580-3), also returns, as does a healed Terrance Strickland, who missed last year with a knee injury. He had 1,259 all-purpose yards in '90. Quarterback Billy Duncan, who started five games a year ago, returns with receiver Steve Ballard (41-497) and running back Harold Dennis (79-300-2). The line's led by center Mitch Tinsley.

Wilbert Ursin
Tulane

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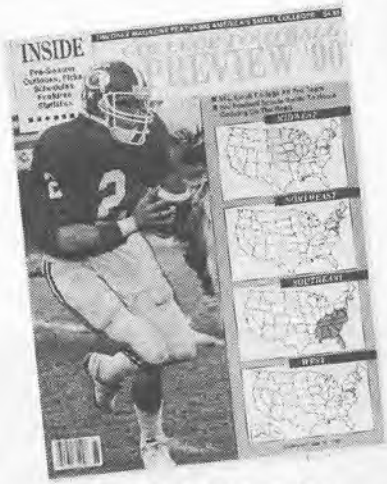

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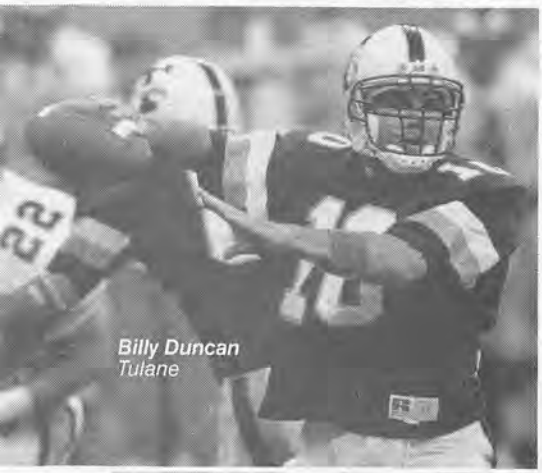
The defense starts with ends Michael Batiste and Darren McGowan and tackle Reggie Mack. It ends with safeties Mark Thornhill and Mike Staid leading the secondary.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Southern Mississippi will sport a new look on and off the field in hopes of making people forget how ugly the 1991 season ended. The Golden Eagles return only four starters from last year's 4-7 squad. Coach Jeff Bower begins his second season with the difficult task of trying to turn things around with 18 first-year starters. He has much work ahead with a strong schedule pitting him against Alabama, Auburn, and Florida.

Bower was expecting big things last year with 16 starters back from the '90 squad, an 8-3 team that earned an All-American Bowl berth under the leadership of standout quarterback Brett Favre. After last year's 4-3 start,



Billy Duncan
Tulane

Terrance Strickland
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which included an upset of Auburn for the second straight season, the Golden Eagles nose-dived with four straight losses. Bower did come away with one positive in a 30-14 season-ending loss to Louisiana Tech. In the offseason he nabbed Tech defensive coordinator John Thompson as his own coordinator. After giving up 20 points per game a year ago, Southern Miss will look to return to the form that keyed its success in '90, when it allowed only 12 points per game. End James Singleton is the only returning starter but big things are expected of tackle Bobby Hamilton.

Still, Bower's work once again rests on replacing an offensive star. First it was Favre. Now it's running back Tony Smith, who's off to the NFL, a first-round pick of the Atlanta Falcons. The business of replacing Smith begins with the business of replacing Favre still unfinished. After Eric Estes, the heir apparent to Favre, was forced to give up football last year because of a series of head injuries, Tommy Waters got the call. Much was asked of the inexperienced redshirt freshman. He threw more interceptions (8) than touchdowns (6). Highly touted true freshman Aaron Hightower of Alabama bears watching.

Michael Welch (91-308-9) will work to fill Smith's shoes at tailback, along with freshman Myreon McKinney and junior college transfer Barry Boyd. They'll be running behind a revamped line returning no regulars, though Donnell Brannon (6-4, 305) could excel. Only Waters, receiver Greg Reed (23-434-2), and tight end Marcus Pope (17-191-0) return as starters. Reed and Pope are all-star-caliber.

SAMFORD

Samford's looking at its first trip to the Division I-AA playoffs last season as just the beginning. Coach Terry Bowden coached the Bulldogs to a 12-2 record, the school's best ever. He whetted his team's appetite with a run that didn't end until a 10-0 loss to eventual I-AA champion Youngstown State in the semifinals.

Can they make it to the finals this time? With seven starters back on defense and five on offense, the nucleus is there for another good season. How good may depend on the offense's development. "I think our defense will

Greg Reed
Southern Mississippi

Michael Welch
Southern Mississippi

be solid again," Bowden said. "It's the offense I'm worried about."

The defense gave up just 14 points per game last year. It should be stingy again with standout cornerback Marcus Durgin and end Ollie Sanders setting a big-play tone. Durgin tied the school record with seven interceptions last year and earned I-AA All-America honors. Sanders had eight sacks last season, improving his career mark to 23.

The offense loses its top three receivers and three linemen, but the focal point is back. Junior quarterback Ben Wiggins set school records for passing yards, attempts, and completions last year (207 of 395 for 2,532 yards with 17 TDs and 13 interceptions). Tank Edwards is back at tailback after rushing for 1,102 yards. Place-kicker Michael O'Neal already holds all the school's records.

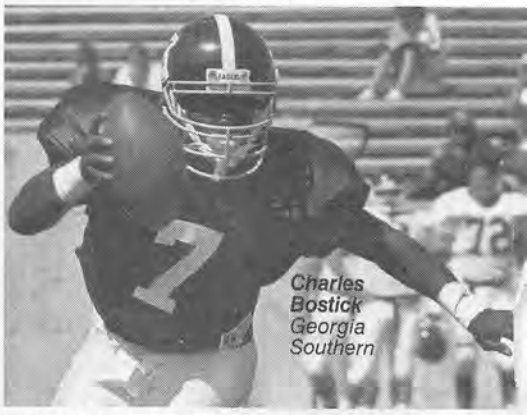
Bowden gets one of his biggest tests when the Bulldogs play at Auburn in their second game of the season.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

The Eagles are looking to soar back to their lofty status as a Division I-AA powerhouse after last year's dive. They were a respectable 7-4, but in Statesboro that's a down year. After opening the season with a No. 1 ranking, the Eagles stumbled to a 2-3 start and didn't make the playoffs for the first time since 1984. Coach Tim Stowers has regrouped around the offense in preparing to make a run at the school's fifth title in eight years. Eight starters are back. Defensively, only three return.

The flex-bone offense depends greatly on the play of quarterback, and that's a three-headed proposition. Derrick McGrady ended last season as No. 1 but saw sophomore Charles Bostick push him by earning MVP honors in the spring. Both played in nine games last year. Sophomore Joe Dupree also is challenging. The offense is bolstered by the return of standout guard Rex Nottage, while the defense is led by nose guard Alex Mash.

Georgia Southern has established its home, Paulson Stadium, as a tough place to play, with a 55-3 record there since it opened in 1984. The Eagles will play eight home games this season, but they will need that advantage with six schools that have won national championships on the schedule. The Eagles play at Georgia for the first time since Georgia Southern football was reinstated in 1981.



Charles Bostick
Georgia Southern

CENTRAL FLORIDA

Coach Gene McDowell has rearmed in his bid to get the Knights back to the I-AA playoffs. McDowell, in his seventh season, led the Knights to the semifinals two years ago, the school's first year in I-AA after a jump from Division II. With 17 starters back, Central Florida has championship hopes.

The offense returns nine starters. Senior tailback Willie English is the biggest threat after rushing for a school-record 1,338 yards and 13 touchdowns last fall. He set another school

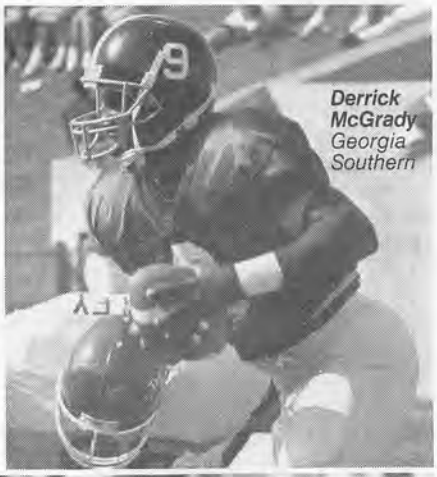
mark with 242 yards against Arkansas State. Sophomore Darin Hinshaw, a part-time starter a year ago, is back to run the pro-set offense. He was 75 of 146 for 1,049 yards with eight touchdowns and seven interceptions. He has speedy Mike Dickinson (42-571-1) to throw to. Dickinson was the leading receiver and also a dangerous punt returner, taking three punts back for touchdowns last fall. Center Mike Gruttadauria anchors the line.

Linebacker Rick Hamilton is an All-America candidate. Safeties Shane Law and Steve Wright lead a talented secondary.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

As tough as last year's 3-8 season was for the Hilltoppers, it grew even worse in the spring, when they nearly suffered the biggest loss of all. The very life of Western Kentucky football was threatened when the board of regents considered shutting down the football program for financial reasons. Western Kentucky survived, but it came at a cost. Coach Jack Harbaugh's I-AA team will play only nine games as a cost-cutting measure. The Hilltoppers return 15 starters in hopes of returning to their winning ways. That's nine on offense and six on defense.

The offense is led by the return of its leading rusher, Roscoe Echols (177-963-4), and receiver, Dwayne Haun (26-307). Quarterback Eddie Thompson is back to direct an option attack after rushing for 682 yards and six touchdowns in '91. The offensive line's stalwart is senior David Browning. The defense's best player is senior linebacker Richard Grice, the leading tackler in '91. □



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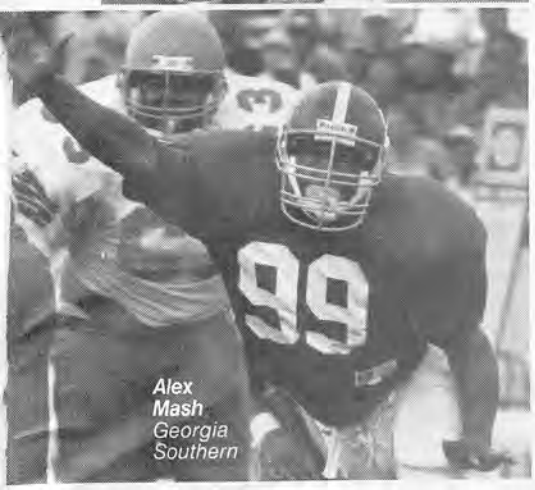

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It is easy to define a down year at **North Dakota State** University. Anything less than a Division II national championship leaves the Bison unsatisfied. Well, the Bison didn't win the national championship in 1991—didn't even make it past the first round of the Division II playoffs. Those two facts alone make North Dakota State the team to beat in 1992.

Why? Because every time the Bison get knocked from the playoffs one year, they come back to win the national championship the following year. NDSU started its year-off/year-on trend in 1983, winning the national title. It eluded the Bison in '84, but they came back in 1985 and 1986 to regain the crown. The same thing happened again in 1987 and 1989: no championship. In '88 and '90, guess what? That's right, championship seasons for the Bison. Since Pittsburg State won the 1991 Division II championship, it can mean only one thing for '92: The Bison will ride again.

Just because NDSU has this trend thing going doesn't mean the Bison don't have any talent to back up their drive to a sixth championship in 10 years. North Dakota State is to Division II what Miami is to Division I: The cupboard is never empty. This year will be no exception. Rocky Hager's team has more than enough good players to find itself playing in Florence, AL, in December for another national championship.

Even last year's "down" season resulted in the North Central Conference championship. With seven full-time starters back on offense and eight players on defense with starting experience, North Dakota State should be primed to make a run at another title. Hager isn't sure the Bison deserve the preseason No. 1 ranking. "We graduated 12 players," he said, "but at the top of our goal chart every year is the national championship."

Hager admits it was disappointing to sit home and monitor the rest of the playoffs after being ousted by Mankato State. "We played to a very high level the week before the playoffs, but we couldn't maintain it," he said. "If you don't play up to your potential each and every week in the playoffs, you can get whipped." Hager, though, thinks the playoff loss has fueled the motivation for the Bison to return to the top of the national rankings. "You don't ever put that kind of defeat out of your mind," he said. "But it's not vengeful. It's a process to motivate us, to help us perform to a high level."

***ANDY BREAULT** Kutztown State*

Arden Beachy is the latest in a long line of outstanding option quarterbacks who have guided the Bison to unprecedented success. Beachy, a junior, ran for 613 yards and scored 11 touchdowns in the Bison option attack. He added seven touchdown passes among his 56 completions. Four members of NDSU's five-man backfield rotation are back, including seniors Mark Hansen and Pete Erickson. Hager only has to find a center on the offensive line, which means those productive backs should find plenty of running room.

Defensively, NDSU needs to find some linebackers and cornerbacks to replace the departing starters. Two part-time starters at linebacker, Paul Schaffner and Mat Steinberg, return. Schaffner was second on the team in tackles to free safety Erik Hegerle.

If there is an heir apparent to the Bison crown as Division II kingpin, look southward to **Pittsburg State**. The Gorillas appear to have everything necessary to repeat as national champions. They have carved out their own piece of tradition in recent seasons, having lost only eight games in seven years. Last season, the Gorillas won a school-record 13 games. Had Pittsburg State not lost Harlon Hill Trophy winner Ronnie West (20.7-yard receiving average, 13 TD catches) and four other all-Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association performers, the Gorillas probably would be an overwhelming choice to repeat.

"I don't know how realistic it ever is to repeat," said coach Chuck Broyles, who found out a former player can go home again to coach. "That's our goal; we'd like nothing better than to do it. Winning a national championship means a lot to our kids, our program, our fans, and our school." Broyles saw immediate effects of winning the title when recruiting. "It opens a lot of doors," he said. "How can you buy an advertisement like that?"

In addition to West, a ninth-round draft pick of the Minnesota Vikings, the Gorillas lost 1,000-yard rusher Darren Dawson and three offensive linemen. Not to worry, says Broyles, who will simply tell his quarterback tandem of Brian Hutchins and Jeff Moreland to hand the ball off more often to Hill Trophy candidate Ronald Moore (1,576 yards in '91). "Ronald will probably carry the ball a little more," said Broyles. "He shared the duty the last two years, but he'll be more of a focus this season." All-America end Troy Wilson (23 sacks) should help offset the loss of MIAA Defensive Player of the Year Shane Tafoya.

***RONALD MOORE** Pittsburg State*

Portland State's offensive trademark doesn't figure to change much in 1992. The Vikings, under head coach Pokey Allen, always come out throwing. Senior quarterback John Charles took over the offense in the fifth game last year and threw 41 touchdown passes while completing 201 of 331 for 3,527 yards. That earned the junior college transfer Western Football Conference Offensive Player of the Year honors as the Vikings reached the Division II semifinals. His favorite targets

are Henry Newsome, Derek Baldwin, and tight end Mike Palomino (who had a record-tying five touchdown catches in one game). Running back Rodney Clemente rushed for 1,027 yards. Allen will have to find help along both lines, but middle linebacker Rick Cruz, strong safety Bill Westerholm, and linebacker Brooks Findlay should make up for any deficiencies.

Jacksonville State coach Bill Burgess lost quarterback Nickey Edmondson, who guided the Gamecocks to a berth opposite Pittsburg State in the championship game last season, to graduation. Redshirt sophomore Corky Gordon is the leading candidate to replace him. The entire running-back corps, including Danny Lee, does return, however. Defensively, Jacksonville State will rely on the Gulf South Conference's best linebacking corps.

Indiana University (PA) has made a habit of stirring things up in the playoffs. Two years ago, the Indians made it to the title game and last year they bowed to Jacksonville State in the semifinals. Each time, though, Tony Aliucci was at quarterback and Andrew "Jai" Hill was at wide receiver. Those two players are gone, but Frank Cignetti has eight other starters back on offense, including running back Michael Mann (1,452 yards, 17 TDs). Junior Scott Woods, who played in all 12 games last fall, will take over for Aliucci. Most of the Indian defense is gone, but free safety Reece Brown (9 interceptions) should help cover for any holes.

Wofford isn't a one-man team. Really. It just seems that way because quarterback Shawn Graves holds or will hold a truckload of records when he's through playing for the Terriers. The senior is already the NCAA's all-time, all-division leading rushing quarterback. Last season he put up typical numbers (1,331 yards and 20 touchdowns) on his way to becoming runner-up to Ronnie West in the Harlon Hill Trophy balloting. Barring the unforeseen, Graves will break NCAA touchdown and scoring marks this year while adding to his career 4,138 yards and 61 touchdowns. The Terriers also return nine other starters on offense and nine on defense from last year's 9-3 team. Any questions as to why the Terriers are ranked No. 6?

East Texas State always seems to be in the playoffs, and 1992 should be no exception. Coach Eddie Vowell has only nine starters back. The pre-conference schedule will hardly give Vowell's team a break (The Lions travel to play NAIA champion Central Arkansas and then go to Pittsburg State.). If East Texas can get past those two games, the Lone Star Conference might seem like a breeze. Harlon Hill Trophy candidate Eric Turner was the LSC defensive back of the year and led the nation in interceptions in 1990.

Second-year **Grand Valley State** coach Brian Kelly has to find replacements for eight offensive starters if the Lakers are to return to the Division II playoffs for a fourth straight season. That shouldn't be a problem. Last year he had to replace eight defensive starters and the Lakers went 9-3.

Texas A&I always seems to be in the playoff picture at the end of the regular season. After a year out of the playoffs, the Javelinas, who produced the NCAA's all-time rushing leader in Johnny Bailey, should be back in the hunt again in '92 with 17 returning starters. One transfer sure to open some eyes is running back Martin Patton, who played at Miami. Linebacker John Stevens, an all-Lone Star performer, is the defensive leader after compiling 95 tackles and nine sacks in '91.

Mississippi College is only three years removed from a national championship. With 13 starters back, including four all-Gulf South Conference players, coach Terry McMillan could see the Choctaws battle for the league championship with Jacksonville State. Miguel Callier, a second-team All-America, provides much of the offensive excitement from wide receiver. He's also a kick-return specialist.

"I think we can be as good in 1992 as we were this past season, and perhaps even better if things go as we hope and we don't have any serious injuries," said McMillan. "Our defense will be our strong point, including one of the best secondary groups we've ever had."

When it came to surprise teams in 1991, the **Butler** Bulldogs ranked near the top. Picked to finish seventh in the Midwestern Intercollegiate Football Conference, the Bulldogs raced through the regular season with a 9-1 record to win the league title and climbed as high as fifth in the national polls. Pittsburg State ended the Bulldogs' season in the first round of the playoffs with a 26-16 victory. Butler has a new coach, Ken LaRose, and most of its defensive starters from last year's standout unit (7.1 ppg.—tops in Division II). The best of the defensive players is end Dave Kathman, who had 12 tackles for loss among his 73 stops. Kevin Kimble, who averaged 117.5 yards per game, returns at tailback.

Northern Colorado snapped a 17-game losing streak to North Dakota State on the way to a playoff berth, and coach Joe Glenn thinks it might be time to wrest away the NCC title from the Bison as well. "I anticipate this team continuing to improve and being right in the thick of the [NCC] title chase," said Glenn. The Bears should be strong on both sides of the ball. Eight defensive starters are back, as is all-NCC quarterback V.J. Lechman, a three-year starter who has thrown for more than 5,000 yards and 34 TDs.

Norfolk State could be the team to beat in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The 11-team league has done away with divisional play this season. Coming off a 7-3 campaign, Norfolk State will showcase freshman quarterback Aaron Sparrow, originally a University of Virgina signee who broke all Virginia state high school records at Woodrow Wilson High in Portsmouth.

Angelo State ended 1991 with a victory over Texas A&I—always a treat—and has eight starters back from the unit that ranked 10th nationally in total defense. Michigan transfer Wilbur Odom didn't start at quarterback until the fourth game. Over the last five games, the Rams averaged 34.2 points.

Cal State Sacramento has a new 26,000-seat stadium to play in, some good returning talent, and a transfer quarterback (Aaron Garcia) from Washington State to go along with incumbent starter Bobby Fresques. While the backfield is strong, coach Bob Mattos must find replacements for four wide receivers and four offensive linemen.

Shippensburg made it all the way to the Division II quarterfinals and returns seven starters from an offensive unit that scored a school-record 346 points. All-PSAC selections Robert Davis (10 sacks) and Mark Maciejewski anchor the defensive line.

Mankato State made the Division II playoffs for the second time in school history, but coach Dan Runkle has to replace 19 letter-

***BILL BURKE** Millersville*

men. **North Dakota** has won 14 of its last 17 regular-season games, but playing in the North Central Conference with North Dakota State makes it difficult to garner much attention. The Fighting Sioux have all 11 defensive starters back from the squad which limited opponents to 14.6 ppg. a year ago.

Ashland was No. 1 in total defense in '91 and has seven players back from that unit. End Bill Royce had 18½ sacks and Tom Shiban 1,000 yards rushing.

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PSAC East champion **East Stroudsburg** should again be strong, with 18 starters back from last year's playoff team. Bret Comp threw for a school-record 2,434 yards and Doug Leonzi caught 58 passes for 950 yards.

Virginia Union has no trouble getting into the playoffs, but getting past the first round has been a problem. This year, a new head coach, Mel Rose, will ponder that situation with an experienced group from last year's 8-3 team. Sophomore linebacker Kevin Williams, an all-CIAA selection and Rookie of the Year, led the league in tackles (143) and quarterback sacks (15½).

Southern Utah lost most of its offense, but Little All-America Zed Robinson led all divisions with 1,828 rushing yards. His presence should help make things a bit easier while coach Jack Bishop finds replacements for the rest of the unit.

Edinboro should be able to challenge for the top spot in the PSAC West with 19 starters back from last year's 7-4 team. Conference rookie of the year Jody Dickerson directs the offense, while linebacker Jason Perkins bolsters the defense.

Winston-Salem State should also be in a position to challenge for another playoff spot. Coach Pete Richardson is faced with finding replacements for his entire backfield. Rovell McMillan gets the call at quarterback.

Valdosta State will go to the air to try to improve its chances of moving up in the Gulf South Conference. New coach Hal Mumme has installed an offense similar to that used by Brigham Young. Mumme promises the ball will be in the air 60-70 percent of the time.

Best of the rest: A tough schedule (including I-AA playoff team Delaware) could prevent West Chester from challenging East Stroudsburg in what could be a tight PSAC Eastern Division. *Millersville* will try to rebound from a 4-5-1 campaign, only the team's third losing season in 22 years. Quarterback Chris Fagan, who holds nearly all the Marauder passing records, is back for his junior year. *Bloomsburg* and *Mansfield* will figure somewhere in the mix and *Kutztown* has perhaps the best Division II quarterback in Andy Breault. With 28 touchdown passes, Breault will set a division record for career TD passes (93). He threw for 37 TDs last year.

In the PSAC West, *Clarion, Slippery Rock, California*, and *Lock Haven* will try to make inroads against Indiana, Edinboro, and Shippensburg. Slippery Rock features one of the best defensive backs in Division II, senior Tony Robinson, who had eight interceptions.

Other teams in the East that could crack the poll are *Springfield* and *American International*. Springfield features Keith Sweeney, a defensive back who had 10 interceptions on last year's 7-3 squad. American International lost five games by a total of 14 points and should rebound under coach Alex Rostogno.

***SHAWN GRAVES** Wofford*

Turning to the South, any team that can win the GSC automatically becomes a favorite to at least reach the title game. *North Alabama* began last year with aspirations of playing for the championship in front of the home fans. Three victories and seven losses later, coach Bobby Wallace was wondering what happened to the team that was picked in the top five in many preseason polls. Even though the Lions are rebuilding, they have talent. The best are All-America punter John Crittenden, free safety Harvey Summerhill, and running back Tyrone Rush. With most everyone improved in the conference, the Lions may be better but still not finish higher than third. Delta *State, Livingston*, and *West Georgia* could also contend in the conference race.

In the CIAA, *Hampton* has Virginia Union's former coach, Joe Taylor, and that should make things interesting when those schools get together. *Fort Valley State, Tuskegee, Morehouse*, and *Alabama A&M* should be the class of the the SIAC. Don't be surprised if any of the three pop into the Top 25 sometime during the season. Tuskegee cornerback Desmond Brown picked off a league-high eight passes in 1991. Alabama A&M, meanwhile, is looking for a quarterback after losing Tracy Kendall to graduation. Fort Valley State will again rely on defense, with nine players back from the unit that gave up only 184 points last season.

Northern Michigan won only three times in the MIFC, but second-year coach Mark Marana thinks moving some players around will lead to more success. One player who won't move is senior tailback Nelson Edmonds, who rushed for a conference-record 1,469 yards in 1991. Defensively, Northern Michigan has nine of 11 starters back. *Hillsdale* College suffered its first losing season in 12 years, but coach Dick Lowry has linebacker Jerry Klekotka and defensive back Karl Taylor to help turn things around. Tailback Scott Schulte rushed for 1,144 yards, only the third Charger ever to rush for more than 1,000 yards.

Michigan Tech, an independent, has one of the nation's best running backs in Jeremy Monroe (1,163 yards, 14 TDs) and 12 starters back from last year's 6-4 squad.

Missouri Southern's opponents should see a lot of the combination of Matt Cook to Rod Smith. Cook threw for 2,637 yards and 25 touchdowns with only six interceptions in '91. He likes to go to All-America Smith, who had 60 catches and 15 touchdowns and led Division II in receiving yards per game (130.8).

Northeast Missouri returns Chad Guthrie off his 1,619-yard, 17-TD season. *Central Missouri State* returns 17 players from a 5-6 team that led Pittsburg State, 14-7, before eventually losing, 28-14. *Emporia State, Missouri-Rolla, Northwest Missouri, Washburn*, and *Missouri Western* round out the conference.

In the Southwest, *Eastern New Mexico* could slide into the top three in the Lone Star Conference while *Abilene Christian, Central Oklahoma*, and *Cameron* figure to battle in the lower portion of the standings.

Cal State Northridge managed only three victories and returns just six starters from last year's team, but the Matadors expect to return to winning ways thanks to a host of transfers. Tops among the newcomers is Jamal Farmer, who rushed for 2,124 yards in three seasons at Hawaii. Farmer is a former Western Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year who scored an NCAA frosh-record 18 touchdowns in 1989. *Santa Clara* and *Cal Poly* are not expected to challenge for the league title.

Sonoma State and *UC-Davis* should be the top teams in the Northern California Athletic Conference. Sonoma had a 9-2 record and the nation's best defense against the run (63.6 yards per game). UC-Davis, meanwhile, returns 45 lettermen from last year's 7-3 squad. Aggies coach Bob Foster has installed a variation of the run-and-shoot. The offense will feature senior John Weinstock, who caught 45 passes for 658 yards and eight touchdowns, including a 12-reception, 161-yard performance against Chico State. □

ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE		
QB Andy Breault	SR	Kutztown
RB Shawn Graves	SR	Wofford
RB Zed Robinson	JR	Southern Utah
RB Michael Mann	JR	Indiana
WR Rod Smith	SR	Missouri Southern
WR Remus James	JR	Virginia State
TE Mike Palomino	SR	Portland State
C Brad McAbee	SR	Wofford
G Marvin Denson	SR	Indiana
G Johnny Poole	SR	Mississippi College
T Rob Messick	SR	Ashland
T Earl Bell	SR	East Texas State
PK Billy Watkins	JR	East Texas State
KR Winston Horshaw	SR	Shippensburg
DEFENSE		
DL Everette McIver	SR	Elizabeth City State
DL Antonio Edwards	SR	Valdosta State
DL Troy Wilson	SR	Pittsburg State
DL Monte Shaide	SR	North Dakota
LB John Stevens	SR	Texas A&I
LB Ja'Karl Barnett	JR	Jacksonville State
LB Monty Brown	SR	Ferris State
LB Anthony Fieldings	SR	Morningside
DB Eric Turner	SR	East Texas State
DB Desmond Brown	SR	Tuskegee
DB Tony Robinson	SR	Slippery Rock
DB Keith Sweeney	JR	Springfield
P John Crittenden	SR	North Alabama

Division III National Preview

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Ithaca College's veteran coach Jim Butterfield has plenty of talent returning from last year's national championship team. But can the Bombers soar high enough to repeat?

"I think we have some good kids," said Butterfield, whose Bombers (12-1 in 1991) beat Dayton, 34-20, in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl. "But it's impossible to tell how we're going to blend."

Butterfield (191-65-1) is closing in on 200 victories at Ithaca, and the goal certainly appears to be within reach this season. Ithaca returns six starters on offense, including All-America fullback Jeff Wittman. After missing three games in 1991 because of injury, Wittman finished the regular season with 710 yards and seven touchdowns. He also picked up 432 yards and nine TDs in the playoffs, including 159 yards in the Stagg Bowl. Another All-America, center Keith Linsey, is the key player on the offensive line. Gone from the offense, though, are quarterback Todd Wilkowski and split end Nick Ismailoff, both All-Americas. Wilkowski completed 64 percent of his passes during the playoffs, while Ismailoff set playoff records for receptions (39), TD receptions (5), and yards receiving (599).

"We have two seniors, Joe Fitzgerald and Ron Smith, who will be fighting it out for the top spot at quarterback," Butterfield said. "Both are very capable, and we will have to adjust our game to their talent. Both can run our option, which is our basic attack."

Billie Mays Jr., another All-America, is back as the defensive leader at inside linebacker, and Jay Zunic returns at cornerback.

It's a changing of the guard at **Lycoming** (10-1), where four-year starting quarterback Ed Dougherty has graduated. Coach Frank Girardi (142-50-4 in 20 seasons) probably will opt for sophomore Ellio Domenick, who has thrown just 25 passes in varsity competition. Domenick will have some talented targets in wideout Ron Weist (37 receptions, 565 yards, 4 TDs) and tailback Cory Sheridan (45-399-4). Sheridan also rushed for 1,160 yards and a school-record 12 TDs. Only four starters return to the defense: ends Andy Chulock and Joe Emerick, linebacker Patt Barrett, and back Jeff Mahalik. Record-setting place-kicker John Phillips also returns.

Lycoming's top Middle Atlantic Conference opponent is **Susquehanna** (11-2), which returns a senior-laden squad with 13 starters. The top five rushers are back, including halfback Frank Lane (731 yards, 9 TDs) and fullback Sean Oakes (479 yards, 2 TDs). Another halfback, George Day, averaged nearly 12 yards per carry last season. Quarterback Jim Filipovits is back, as is Ron Miller on the offensive line and All-America Andy Watkins (88 tackles) at linebacker, with Pete Rendina. Keith Henry led the Crusaders in sacks from his tackle position.

Nine starters return on offense and six on defense at **Massachusetts-Lowell** (10-1), which allowed just 5.4 points per game last season. All-America David Medwar returns to anchor a veteran defensive line while Derek Lawson, who missed last season because of injury, bolsters the linebacking corps. The offense will be powered by quarterback Billy Rizos (1,660 yards, 15 TDs) and running backs Brian Fleming (434 yards) and Dan Ford (403). A veteran line includes Jeff Benjamin, Russ Williams, and Tim Kenny.

First-year coach John Audino at **Union** (10-1) inherits a team that must replace standout Brett Russ, 36-5 in his career as the Dutchmen's quarterback. Brian Harris is expected to take over for him. Union's ground game that averaged 285 yards is intact: tailbacks Chris Irving (456 yards, 7 TDs) and Chad Labonte and fullback Dave Flynn (103 yards, 4 TDs). Marco Lainez is the defensive leader.

Quarterback Ed Hesson is back at **Glassboro State** (9-2). Last fall the Profs made their first playoff appearance. Hesson was 140 of 251 passing for 1,793 yards and 14 touchdowns in 1991, including a 30-for-51 performance in a 31-10 loss to champion Ithaca in the postseason. His 405 passing yards against Ithaca was a playoff record. Fullback Dennis McKim (83 carries, 348 yards) also is a capable receiver with 28 catches for 271 yards last year. Back at tight end is Robert Jones (32 catches, 403 yards, 4 TDs). Linebacker Pete Goetz (101 tackles, two sacks) will anchor the defense.

***JOHN JANKE** Wisconsin-La Crosse*

Quarterback Ed Walsh returns to run the wing-T offense at **Trenton State** (5-3-1). He completed 49 of 99 passes for 652 yards and 11 TDs in 1991, and picked up 592 yards and three TDs rushing. His top target is Duffy Hoopingarner (16 catches, 266 yards, 5 TDs), while Mark Harmon (404 yards, 2 TDs) will lead the ground attack. Lineman Ron Cerenzo (57 tackles, 3 sacks) is the top defender.

Coach Dave Murray, despite the departure of standout quarterback Dick Puccio ahd a treacherous schedule in 1992, thinks his **Cortland State** (8-3) is a playoff-caliber squad. An outstanding offensive line, led by tackle Nino Corbo, will provide protection for Puccio's replacement, Brian Wild, who completed 55 percent of his passes in two starts last fall. Tailback Mike Giroux and fullback Bert Conklin are the ground leaders, and receivers Kevin Hartman (500 yards, 4 TDs) and Steve Ellis are deep threats. Barry Thornton (75 tackles) will be joined by Joe Altobelli and Jason McCard at linebacker.

An inexperienced offensive line is one of the few question marks at **Williams** (7-1), where the Ephmen have won 28 of their past 29 games. Eric Minkwitz is the lone returnee on the line, which will be looking to spring Sean Rorke, the all-conference tailback who picked up 808 yards in just six games last fall. Quarterback John Birknes is a dangerous passer and rusher. The top receivers are Andre Burrell (13 catches, 2 TDs) and Todd Ducharme (25 receptions, 3 TDs). Tackle Matt Aselton and cornerback Chris McIlraith are the premier players across the line.

The entire offense returns at **Bridgewater** (8-2), but the Bears have some gaps to fill on the defensive side. Tackle Eric Leete and end Erik Arthur will be called upon to spark the defensive effort. Quarterback Bob Guindon will guide the veer behind an offensive line that averages over 240 pounds. Clint Cabral is back at running back, while the speedy Paul Piccioli returns to his flanker position.

Plymouth State (7-2-1) returns nine starters on offense, but coach Lou Desloges must replace seven defensive regulars as the Panthers head into their first season in the new Freedom Football Conference. Doug Cantrell, who has 20 TD receptions over the past two seasons, is the catalyst. Defensive back Mike Giard has 21 career interceptions.

C.W. Post (4-6) returns Dean Carino (121 for 198 passing, 1,505 yards, 12 TDs) at quarterback, but coach Tom Marshall has a wide-open race for the position after the change to the run-and-shoot. The top receiver is Jim Byrne (34 catches, 478 yards, 5 TDs).

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Carnegie Mellon (9-1), the University Athletic Association champion, was not invited to the Division III playoffs last fall, but the Tartans have 18 starters back for what could be coach Rich Lackner's best team. Sophomore quarterback Chris Dee was 7-0 in 1991 as the starter, passing for 854 yards and eight touchdowns. He rushed for 324 yards and four TDs. Also returning is fullback Griffin Pero (667 yards, 8 TDs) and receivers Jarrod Siket and Andy Van Sprang, who combined for 22 catches and five scores. All-America Chuck Jackson anchors the line. Nine starters are back on defense, including tackle Ben Burton and linebackers Matt Pielert and Chad Wilson.

Senior Chris Babirad, a record-shattering tailback, leads a group of 24 seniors at **Washington and Jefferson** (8-2). Babirad averaged 167.6 yards and 16.8 points per game last fall and, not surprisingly, was named the Presidents Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year. Also returning is Bob Strope, a heady passer and deceptive runner who is entering his fourth season as the starting quarterback. W&J, ranked No. 1 in total defense in 1991, will look for leadership again from tackle John Engelmohr and middle linebacker Eric Tola.

Dickinson (9-1), the four-time Centennial Conference champs, has an offense that is virtually intact from last fall. The Red Devils' scoring leader is tailback Alex Plomaritis (92 points), who rushed for 1,370 yards and 12 TDs. Stu James, forced out with an injury in the playoffs, will return at quarterback and Tim Chillot, the team's leading receiver, at tight end. The defense will miss just three starters and will feature back Dan Hickey and lineman Brian Ridgway.

JEFF WITTMAN Ithaca

Frostburg State (8-3) has nine starters back on offense, including quarterback Mike Jones, who passed for 912 yards and eight touchdowns and rushed for 485 yards and six scores. His leading target is Warren Tweedy (15 catches, 360 yards, 2 TDs), who will get help from Ariel Bell (11 catches, 215 yards, 2 TDs). J.R. Bosley (5 TDs rushing, 4 TDs receiving) is back at halfback while Jimmy Carter returns to wingback. The defense also has nine starters returning, including safety Russell Williams (82 tackles, three interceptions) and back Ricky Green (69 tackles, 3 fumble recoveries, 3 interceptions).

Ferrum (7-2), which boasts a 45-9-1 record over the past five seasons, returns eight starters on offense, but finding a quarterback to run the wishbone might be a problem. Eric Owens could be the starter if he does not choose to pursue a career in baseball. The Panthers' defense, led by ends Henley Green and Reed Newton, again will be solid. Mike Millner returns to key the linebacking corps.

Western Maryland (5-5) already has a game under its belt—the Green Terror became the first American collegiate grid squad to play in Russia when it rolled to a 47-7 victory over a team of Russian all-stars in a March 17 exhibition in Moscow. A solid offensive line returns, but speedy tailback Eric Frees (1,545 yards, 15 TDs) has graduated. His likely successor is Mark Vergalito (263 yards, 1 TD). Paul McCord (51 for 123, 974 yards, 9 TDs) is back at quarterback.

A solid nucleus is back at **Rhodes** (6-2-1), including quarterback Drew Robison (135 for 266, 1,604 yards, 10 TDs) and wideout Demetri Patikas (34 catches, 482 yards, 3 TDs). Greg Ritter (458 yards, 4 TDs) leads the ground attack. End Paul Knapstein (70 tackles, 8½ sacks) and cornerback John Bratton (28 tackles, 4 interceptions) also return.

Randolph-Macon (4-6) outgained its opponents by an average of 100 yards per game last year yet struggled through an injury-riddled season. Standout quarterback Scott Kirby has graduated, but the capable Andrew Bush will fill the void. A solid group of receivers returns: John Smith (31 catches, 528 yards), David Hughes (26-311), and the speedy Garry Carter (19 tackles, 315 yards). Rob Morris and Eric Fettig, who each had 83 tackles, return at linebacker.

Centre (5-5) will have to rebuild much of the offense, where Chris Lyons will be expected to take over at quarterback for the graduated Jeff Ratanpool. Lyons has capable receivers in David McGee and Tommy Thompson. The secondary has All-America candidates Charlie Byers, Darin Surrey, and Mark Grimes.

Dayton (13-1) fell short of the coveted national title last season, losing in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl to Ithaca, but the Flyers have the talent to be in the hunt again. Leading the way is quarterback Steve Keller, who set school records in total offense (2,460 yards), passing yards (2,316), and completions (163) in 1991. Keller's top target will be flanker Sean Taylor (34 catches, 457 yards), who also is an excellent kick returner. Pat Hofacre (512 yards, 23 touchdowns) returns to fullback, and Keith Miller (815 yards, 4 TDs) will be at tailback. Middle guard Robert Christy (105 tackles, 13 sacks) is a force on defense, and he'll get help from ends Bob Coode and Gene Paden.

Coach J.R. Bishop is looking at what might be the best team ever at **Wheaton** (7-1-1), but the schedule also is demanding. Back at quarterback for his fourth season is Tim Tully, an all-conference performer who threw for 1,050 yards and eight TDS and rushed for 607 yards and nine scores. Devin Leftwich (1,047 yards, 11 TDs) and Kermit Ellison (439 yards, 5 TDs) return to the backfield, and dangerous receiver Bart Moseman (706 yards, 6 TDs) also is back. The Crusaders will be led on defense by Joel Halcomb (76 tackles) and Jeff Imperial (51 tackles, 3½ sacks).

Augustana (8-1) was not a playoff participant in 1991, the first time since 1980 the Vikings did not receive a postseason berth. But coach Bob Reade, who has an .884 winning percentage at the school, has 46 lettermen returning to the fold. Senior wingback Mark Kimball (719 yards, 7 TDs) is the rushing leader, followed by fullback Brian Dunlavy (578 yards, 8 TDs). Quarterback Marc Rosello can look for tight end Greg Weber. Linemen Jim Zajicek and George Annang and cornerback Karl Youngquist return on defense.

Illinois Wesleyan (7-1-1) again should challenge Augustana in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin. The team's top threat is wide receiver Chris Bisaillon, who has 43 career touchdown catches, a Division III record. He needs eight to break the NCAA record of 50 set by Jerry Rice at Mississippi Valley State. Quarterback Tom Monken (114 for 203 for 1,604 yards and 20 TDs) will work behind a line led by Erik Nelson. Maury Parker (724 yards, 5 TDs) is a dangerous running back, while free safety D.J. Rossini (62 tackles, 3 interceptions) paces the defense.

Millikin (6-3) could be a dark horse in the CCIW. Wide receiver Mike Hall (31 catches, 563 yards, 8 TDs) is one of the conference's premier players. Todd Sealman is the team's top running threat.

Allegheny (11-1) should be in the hunt for its second national title in three years with the return of Stanley "The Bottle Rocket" Drayton. The All-America tailback rushed for 1,628 yards and 31 touchdowns in 1991. Backfield mate Al Kaufman picked up 316 yards and four TDs. Coach Ken O'Keefe, however, must find replacements for quarterback Ben Cammarano (1,921 yards passing, 11 TDs), flanker Julio Lacayo (43 catches, 617 yards, 4 TDs), and Tony Bifulco (5 interceptions).

Six starters are gone from the **Ohio Wesleyan** (8-2) defense that ranked third nationally against the run last season, but coach Mike Holloway has an effective offense. Quarterback Jim Clark (115 for 208, 1,240 yards, 12 TDs) returns for his third season and will be looking to connect with tight end Steve Alexander (45 catches, 626 yards, 8 TDs). Guard Kevin Ramsier is the catalyst on a strong offensive line. Providing defensive strength will be safety Ryan Spicer and end Jim Smith.

Case Western Reserve (7-3) looks solid on both sides of the ball. Quarterback Brett Ram-

sey (104 of 211 passing, 1,351 yards, 11 TDs) returns behind a sound line. Other offensive threats are wingback Chad Blunt, split end Chris Lacey, and tight end Jeff Bennett. Rich Zdrojewski, who had a team-high eight sacks last season, is back to anchor the defensive line, while linebacker Ed Trebets and back Scott Dover also return. The Spartans averaged 30 points per game last year.

Mount Union (8-1-1) again will feature the air show of quarterback Jim Ballard and wideout Ed Bubonics, who were the stars of the Ohio Athletic Conference a year ago. Ballard passed for a school-record 27 touchdowns in 1991 and Bubonics hauled in 13 of them among his 61 receptions. The Purple Raiders are riding a 28-game home winning streak in the OAC, and coach Larry Kehres now has a 48-12-3 career record.

John Carroll (5-3-2) is in search of a quarterback, but the Blue Streaks have plenty of talent to go around at the other skill positions. Willie Beers (1,352 yards) will get the nod at tailback; he will be joined by Matt Swingos in the backfield. Craig Frabotts is a fine wideout, and wingbacks Bruce Saban and Gregg Genovese also are adept receivers. Tony Fasanella and Gino Ciulli return as starters at linebacker, while Mike Kadlub, Brad Wingler, Brian Cingel, and Aaron Perusek key the secondary.

Replacing Hank Wineman, the nation's leading rusher, with 1,857 yards last fall, is the top priority for coach Pete Schmidt at **Albion** (8-1-1). Jeff Robinson and Gabe Cooper, both of whom had better yards-per-carry averages than Wineman, will carry the load. Quarterback Mike Montico has talented receivers in Tom Reason and Steve Gilbert. Albion is strong defensively with the return of linebackers Kris Knobloch, Eric Baxmann, and Ron Smith, who had 125 tackles last season. Torrell Humphries and Cam Mueller are the leaders in the secondary.

***STEVE KELLER** Dayton*

Wittenberg (5-5) returns 15 starters and could challenge in the NCAC. Tailback Marlon Perryman (990 yards) is back to spark the offense. He will get help from Jimmie Parker (333 yards). Fullbacks John Paxton and Mike Olshefski combined for 566 yards a year ago. David Latkovic and Pat Allgeier will be the keys on the offensive line. Vic Ferguson and J.R. Runkel are in the running for the quarterback job. Junior linebacker Taver Johnson is the leader on defense.

Wisconsin-La Crosse (10-2) is coming off its 22nd consecutive winning season, and veteran coach Roger Harring (24 years, 188-60-7 record) has the troops to add to those impressive numbers. The Eagles return 10 starters on offense, including the talented John Janke, a fullback who led the team in rushing (896 yards) and receiving (46 catches). Halfback Erik Richards (600 yards) is a dangerous runner. The leading candidate at quarterback is Jason Gonnion. Tackle Rick Schaaf will anchor the defensive line and Frank Zagrodnik the young linebacking corps.

Fifth-year coach John Miech has plenty of reasons to be optimistic at **Wisconsin-Stevens Point** (6-3-1). A balanced offensive attack, featuring running back Jimmy Henderson, quarterback Roger Hauri, and receiver Dean Bryan, will be the Pointers' trademark. Henderson was the team's leading rusher a year ago with 709 yards and five touchdowns. Hauri averaged 211 yards passing per game, and the speedy Bryan caught 29 passes for 507 yards. Linebacker Andy Chilcote has led the team in tackles the past three years.

Veteran coach Ron Schipper (242-60-3 in 31 years) should be optimistic at **Central College** (8-1) despite the departure of tailback Rich Kacmarynski, the Iowa Conference MVP. Quarterback Shad Flynn (79 for 153, 1,216 yards) will guide a flashy offense that includes receiver Mike Van Voors (28 catches, 477 yards). All-conference linebacker Bill Mulder (a team-high 87 tackles), end Kevin Sanger, and all-conference tackle Gary Knaack head a group of 10 starters back on defense.

Optimism also rides high at **Beloit** (9-1), where the Buccaneers lost all-time rushing and scoring leader Shane Stadler to graduation. But coach Ed George has 17 starters back, including highly regarded fullback Steve Dixon (1,183 yards, 12 TDs). Also returning is tight end Fred Buggs (16 catches, 237 yards, 2 TDs), but the Buccaneers must settle on a quarterback. The defense is virtually intact, with linebackers Ted Noakes (141 tackles) and Jason Chandler (63 tackles), end Lee Miller (87 tackles), and tackles Mike Paulmeier (64 tackles, 9 sacks) and Doug Thom (61 tackles, nine sacks).

Defense is the strong suit at **Bethel** (6-3). Paul Carlson, a three-year starter who led the team with seven sacks, will be joined on the line by Matt Eller and Joel Tanem. Joe Paradis returns in the secondary and John Nystrom at linebacker. While quarterback is a question, running back Chris Weans (658 yards, 6 TDs) is back to spark the offense.

Wade Labatte should take over at quarterback and lead the rebuilding at **St. John's**, Minn. (11-1), where All-America Pat Mayew (3,009 yards, 36 TDs) sparkled last season. Labatte, also the team's punter, passed for 210 yards and one score as Mayew's understudy. Linebackers Will Steinke and Erik Klein key the defense and Bill Donohue and Jim Wagner will anchor the line.

Coe (9-2) returns a talented group of players who, if capable of putting last fall's lopsided loss to St. John's behind them, could win the Midwest Conference for the third year in a row. Four of the five starters return to the offensive line to give protection to quarterback Guy Simons (1,042 yards passing, 15 TDs). Tailback Carey Bender (1,058 yards, 12 TDs) and fullback Jon Hocker spark the ground game. Tight end Darrell Gordon caught 25 passes for 483 yards and two scores. Linebacker Tim Smyth, who had a team-high 111 tackles a year ago, is the defensive catalyst.

Simpson (10-1) expects to have a balanced offensive attack, which could lead coach Jim Williams's team back to the playoffs. Either Scott Driskell or John Ratigan will get the nod at quarterback, while Trent Nauholz and Rob Ricketts return to spark the ground attack. The offensive line is strong, led

***ED HESSON** Glassboro State*

by Jason Jones and Kyle Yencer. Linebacker Marc Ridout is a defensive standout, as are safeties Marty James and Chad Earwood. Don Finch and Mark Weidman are on the line.

Redlands (7-2) is looking to keep its two-season Southern California Intercollegiate Conference unbeaten streak alive. Three-year starter Brian Harmon (109 for 184, 1,453 yards, 9 TDs) returns at quarterback and Kurt Bruick (32 receptions, 485 yards, 5 TDs) is his top target. Conference Defensive Player of the Year Brett Wixom, an All-America candidate, returns, as does defensive end Steve Stokes (49 tackles, 7 sacks). □

Looking Back

A Night to Remember

by Cliff Montgomery
Quarterback, Columbia, 1931-33
As told to Carl Lundquist

It happened 58 years ago, but the electricity is still there when I switch on to memories of one of the most exciting games ever played.

That's the way it was on August 31, 1934, on the last day of the Chicago World's Fair, when the nation's finest college players battled the pro champion Bears to a 0–0 tie before 80,000 fans. And nobody went home early. Today's fans, who think a scoreless tie is much ado about nothing, never experienced the thrill of a battle in which you felt that somebody would break loose or catch a scoring pass right up to the final minute.

It was the first of a long series of annual games in which a team of college all-stars played the NFL's top team. It was the brain child of Arch Ward, sports editor of the Chicago *Tribune*, as a climax to the fair. (It also was a sequel to the first major league baseball all-star game, which he developed to give the fair a publicity push when it opened the year before.) People came from all over to see the fair and to wind up going to Soldier Field on a warm, clear night with no wind—perfect for football. A game under lights was still a novelty and the setting was all the more picturesque with the red, blue, and green lights of the fair in the background.

More than 617,000 fans had voted for their choices to be on the college team. Because of my Columbia team's big 7–0 upset of Stanford in the Rose Bowl on January 1, 1934, I received more votes than any other player. Since, in effect, that game was the last of the 1933 season, my name was fresh in the minds of the voters. There were 35 players selected, and this is remarkable evidence that the fans were pretty sharp followers, because out of that number, eight of us eventually went into the College Football Hall of Fame.

What's more, three of the Bears would one day be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. To play against two of my greatest heroes, Red Grange and Bronko Nagurski—and not lose—was maybe the No.1 thrill for me. They were charter members of the Hall of Fame in 1951; Paddy Driscoll, one of their coaches, also was enshrined. Grange, old 77 for Illinois, and Nagurski, just a fantastic fullback from Minnesota, were something to see, though their careers were winding down.

The all-stars elected to the Hall of Fame, and the years in which they were inducted:

- Fred Crawford, Duke, T, 1973
- Beattie Feathers, Tennessee, HB, 1955
- Sid Gillman, Ohio State, E, 1989
- Ed Manske, Northwestern, E, 1989
- Cliff Montgomery, Columbia, QB, 1963
- Aaron Rosenberg, Southern Cal, G, 1986
- George Sauer, Nebraska, FB, 1954
- Joe Skladany, Pittsburgh, E, 1989

When we arrived for the workouts, we went to the campus at Northwestern and each of us received a gorgeous white All-America sweater and a blanket with the all-star insignia. Wearing the sweater got us free cab rides anywhere and free entrance to the World's Fair. The big thing there for me was visiting with Jack Johnson, the former heavyweight boxing champion, who wore a beret and had a booth on the grounds. I loved talking with him about his big fights with Tommy Burns, Jess Willard, and Jim Jeffries.

The all-stars were a lively bunch, and I had a reunion with Joe Gailus and Mike Vuchnich, my teammates at Kiski Prep School in Saltsburg, PA. I had hoped they would come to Columbia with me, but they decided to go to Ohio State. Vuchnich at center became caption in his senior year and Gailus at tackle was the most valuable lineman in the Big Ten that season. Chuck Bernard was our center and at Michigan overshadowed Jerry Ford, his substitute. Ford, incidentally, played in the second all-star game in 1935 and, of course, went on to become president. Aaron Rosenberg was a standout guard out of Southern Cal and later became a noted movie producer. Tackle and co-captain Moose Krause of Notre Dame, where he later became athletic director, was a tremendous leader. Co-captain George Sauer, a fullback from Nebraska, eventually became head coach at his alma mater. Neither he nor I started because of injuries.

Beattie Feathers from Tennessee was our running back, and after the game signed up to play with the Bears. As a rookie that year he led the NFL in yards. Joe Skladany of Pitt and Eggs Manske of Northwestern were two of the best ends ever to play college ball. And another, just about as good, Sid Gillman, was one more star from Ohio State. He made the College Hall of Fame as a coach from Miami of Ohio and Cincinnati. Later, he was a top coach in the pros with the Los Angeles Rams, San Diego Chargers, and Houston Oilers, and also made it into the Pro Hall of Fame. Another biggie with us was Duke tackle, Fred Crawford. On the opening kickoff he ran downfield and hit Grange, carrying the ball, so violently I believe it practically finished Red's career.

One good buddy was Frank Walton of Pittsburgh, a talented tackle who should be in the Hall of Fame. Tiger is the father of Joe Walton, the ex-Jets coach and one-time Giants star. He played in high school at Beaver Falls, PA. One year we met for the western Pennsylvania championship. We were captains, playing both ways. I remember once busting through on the kickoff and knocking him on his ass. I reminded him of it a few times and he reminded me that Beaver Falls won the championship.

We learned plenty from our coaches. Noble Kizer of Purdue was the head man, along with Dick Hanley of Northwestern and Sleepy Jim Crowley of Fordham, one of Knute Rockne's four horsemen at Notre Dame. They also had been elected to their posts by the fans.

They say there are no winners in a tie, but we got what nearly all of the writers covering it called a moral victory. We had two good chances to score on field-goal attempts by Bill Smith of Washington. He missed on boots of 40 and 42 yards. We also finished ahead on first downs, 6 to 2, and on yards rushing, 176 to 62. They beat us on forward-pass yards, with 62 to 26, but we stopped them once on an interception by Joe Laws of Iowa. Beattie got us the closest, moving once to the 14, but that drive ended with a fumble on the next play.

The Bears had a big chance in the first period when they made 40 yards on two passes from George Corbett to Carl Brumbaugh and Gene Ronzani. In the final period they had their best opportunity. Their end, Wayland Becker, blocked a punt by Indiana Bob Jones, recovering it on our 19. But Laws stopped that drive with his interception.

The pros dominated the series after our battling beginning, with 31 victories against nine for the all-stars and one other tie. All of the games were played at Soldier Field except in the war years of 1943–44, when they were at nearby Dyche Stadium in Evanston. The series ended in 1976. It just had to happen. The pros got too big and too experienced and the all-stars no longer were able to keep up—as we did in the first big one.

When it finally was good-by, you can be sure that it again was not much adieu about nothing. We all had a million memories. □

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Cliff Montgomery returns a punt against Syracuse on November 21, 1931.

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